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UN TROOPS TO STAY IN KOREA

Instructions To MacArthur KEEP FOOTHOLD

(By SELKIRK PANTON)

Tokyo, Dec. 27.
The British and other United Nations forces are to remain in Korea even if it means a last ditch stand in the original Pusan beach-head in the southeastern corner nearest Japan. And General Douglas MacArthur believes that the forces now under his command can do it.

The Supreme Commander in the Far East has received instructions both from his Government and from the United Nations that every attempt should be made for military and political reasons to maintain a foothold in Korea.

These orders lie behind General MacArthur's decision to link the United States 10th Corps and the Allied units, 100,000 strong, who have been saved from the Hungnam trap in the northeast with the 8th Army in west Korea. Previously both had operated as separated commands under General MacArthur.

Now already in position they are both under the newly appointed Field Commander Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway.

And MacArthur, faced hourly by a massive Chinese and North Korean Communist offensive, has an army of over 200,000 men manning the 140 mile defence line running west across the peninsula from the front line city of Seoul, the South Korean's jittery capital.

The successful evacuation of the Hungnam beachhead, the most orderly mass withdrawal of troops since Gallipoli 35 years ago, has strengthened the decision to stand and fight.

It has raised the spirits of both the United Nations soldiers in the field and the GHQ staff in Tokyo. And it has stemmed the defeatist talk of chair-borne critics far from the front who have been predicting for weeks that the United Nations forces would be whipped out of all Korea by Christmas.

TWO VITAL LESSONS
But the Hungnam success has not only given the United Nations command a new heart. It has taught them two vital lessons.

They are: 1. Despite their overwhelming numbers the Chinese and North Korean Reds were unable to smash their way into the beachhead manned only by tired frost-bitten soldiers worn out by the bitter fighting retreat to the coast. Nor were the Reds able to face the withering air and naval power of the United Nations forces backed by the stubborn ground defence.

2. The Reds' casualties, in the failure to storm the beachhead and wipe out the United Nations troops, are estimated to be at least in a ratio of 100 to 1 of the defenders.

So General MacArthur and his GHQ staff in Tokyo believe there is every reason to stay put in Korea. But they will not let their decision lead to any great blood-letting operation in Korea, which would suck in like quick-sands the United Nations manpower areas in the world wide open to new Communist aggression.

OTHER DEFENCES
On the contrary they believe that it will be the Chinese and North Korean Reds who will suffer a loss in men and Soviet Russia a loss in much-needed arms and equipment.

They say that even if the United Nations army is forced to withdraw from the present long Seoul defence line by overwhelming masses of Red troops, other defence lines have been prepared—and finally the Pusan beachhead from which the United Nations army broke out last September to an almost final victory.

There they are convinced the United Nations forces could withstand all attacks with devastating losses to the enemy.

One senior officer said today: "They can then bite themselves to death on beachhead defences with their supply lines crippled by air attacks and with the constant threat of another Hungnam amphibious landing in

Murder Charge Filed

Manila, Dec. 28.
Six men have been charged with the murder of the American businessman, Mr. John Herbert, who, with three companions, was ambushed by bandits on the Manila-Lagay highway on November 19. A murder complaint was filed in Cavite City against the six, four of whom are still at large. Two of the accused were rounded up after an intensive manhunt by the Cavite and Constabulary authorities. The six are also charged with shooting and wounding a Russian businessman, Mr. Alexander Krivonoz, who was with Mr. Herbert. Mr. Krivonoz is recovering from his wounds.—United Press.

Cold Wave Hits U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 27.
The season's worst cold wave sent temperatures plunging today from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast, with little relief in sight.

A blanket of Arctic air spread freezing temperatures as far south as Georgia, Louisiana and Southern Texas. In the North Central States it sent the mercury sliding far below zero.

The coldest temperature reported was 36 below at Lone Rock, Wisconsin. Sparta, Wisconsin, was 34 below, Rochester, Minnesota, 31 below and Freeport, Illinois, 30 below.

Across the nation, at least 29 deaths were attributed to cold. Eight victims—in Connecticut, Ohio, Wisconsin and New York—succumbed to heart attacks while shivering in snow.

Six of the weather deaths occurred in New England as the mercury hit below zero in the Boston suburbs.

Chicago, digging out from a nine-inch snowfall, shivered in ten-below weather which made it the Windy City's coldest December 27 on record.

New York reported 10 above, four degrees above the record low set for December 27 in 1872.—United Press.

Britain To Name Envoy To Spain

London, Dec. 27.
Britain is expected to join the United States shortly in naming an Ambassador to Spain. The most prominent candidate is Sir John Balfour, the present Ambassador to Argentina.—United Press.

Bayonet Fights NEAR HANOI

Saigon, Dec. 27.
Some 7,000 Communist-led rebels attacked French outposts 15 to 25 miles north of Hanoi before dawn today in the heaviest fighting in two months.

The Reds were thrown back to their hill hide-outs after eight hours of fierce fighting, including bloody bayonet battles at several points. Losses on both sides were heavy.

The battle centred on the French forts at Phu, Huabang and Daphuc. The Communists struck at 12.30 a.m. Mobile reserves drove off the last of the rebels from Daphuc at 8.30 a.m. Huabang, 25 miles northwest of Hanoi, changed hands four times during the fighting.

At Phu, 15 miles due north of Hanoi, the Reds broke into the fortress compound and set fire to buildings before reinforcements arrived.

HARD HIT
The garrison at Daphuc, 10 miles north of Phu, was hard hit by the attacking Reds. Two-thirds of the Indo-Chinese and negro troops holding the outpost were killed as casualties. The Communists left 200 dead on the field. They also abandoned large quantities of ammunition, apparently indicating that they retreated in disorder.

The rebels seldom leave any of their equipment and supplies on the battleground.

The Communists were armed with machine-guns, bazookas, mortars and heavy weapons. The French rushed in artillery, which took heavy toll of the attackers. It was the heaviest fighting since October, when strong Communist attacks forced the French to surrender a chain of frontier forts. The battle was the first in which the French used mobile units, organised during the last two months to protect the crescent-shaped fortress line defending the vital Red River delta.

At Phu, a United Press correspondent was told by a high-ranking French officer that the Reds apparently were probing for a "hole" in the Daphuc defences. A military spokesman said the rebel forces captured Daphuc on Tuesday but that the French forces recaptured the position on Wednesday in heavy fighting. The Reds retreated after a French rescue column broke through the road-block between Phu and Daphuc.—United Press.



Today's Conditions In China

Hongkong, Dec. 28.
A former Chinese newspaperman, who travelled half the length of China from Canton up to Peking, recently found terror, fear of the totalitarian state and war hysteria the dominant atmosphere on the Communist-ruled mainland.

He said the atmosphere increased in intensity as he journeyed northward toward Peking past towns loaded with troops on the move in a vast redeployment.

He was a Communist-appointed official and participated in official conferences in Canton, Hankow and Peking, but his subsequent disillusionment eventually guided him to Hongkong. Assisted by his access to inner circles of the Communist regime, he brought back a rare and penetrating picture of present-day China. For obvious reasons his identity cannot be disclosed.

In addition to war hysteria and war preparations, he said he was also deeply struck by the rule of fear and poverty under which most people are now living on the mainland. The Communists are conducting a

national-wide "witch hunt" for political suspects. Thousands upon thousands had been rounded up and many of them shot on trumped-up charges of espionage for America and the Chinese Nationalists.

LIVING IN FEAR
Consequently, the people are living in fear. They keep their mouths as tightly shut as possible and display an unusual suspicion of strangers. Practically no one would talk politics and very few ask questions.

He said conditions of poverty are evident everywhere. There are more beggars and more unemployment than before. Farmers and businessmen complain of crippling taxes and levies. The shops are doing very poor business and the Communists are harping on their anti-American and Anti-Korea drive, trying to divert the people's attention from private worries.

He found the propaganda drive very successful in Peking, where hatred of the United States is now widespread, and also among Red soldiers, who now seemed to hate the United States more than Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists.

He said political indoctrination is still being enforced as energetically as at the beginning, spreading the teachings of Marx and Lenin and teaching the people to obey the state and observe discipline.

However, he came across an abundance of evidence showing the Communist regime is still far from holding complete domination of the Chinese people. Communist officials conceded that much had yet to be done ideologically in the field of indoctrination to maintain Communist rule in China.

He also found that the Communist administration has deteriorated recently in efficiency and honesty. The deterioration in efficiency was due to the Communist policy of putting loyalty above experience in awarding official positions, resulting in placing whole departments under the control of inexperienced Party members.—United Press.

Black Market Follows Thefts

Chicago, Dec. 27.
A black market in the war-vital metal cadmium apparently has sprung up in Chicago after three thefts of the strategic element within a month, the police said today.

Cadmium sells for about \$2.00 a pound on the open market but might sell for as much as \$5 on the black market, according to Frank Fankam, owner of the plating works from which 175 pounds of the metal were stolen.

An all 7,000 pounds have been stolen in Chicago during

Snow held up traffic on the Manchester-Sheffield Road recently. This picture shows lorries trying to round a bend on a hill and were unable to cope with the snowy surface. Instead of climbing they found themselves sliding backwards to the opposite side of the road. Men are seen helping the stranded vehicles by placing old rags and soil under the wheels.

Time-Bomb In USIS Library

Belgrade, Dec. 27.
A home-made time bomb was discovered today hidden inside the United States Information Service library in the centre of Belgrade.

The crudely-fashioned bomb was found by a Yugoslav girl employee behind a row of books.

The library was hastily cleared and the bomb handed over to Yugoslav police.

The Police told US Ambassador George Allen that they believed the device was a time-bomb with wires connecting to an electrical battery.

Investigators said they have no clues at the moment as to who hid the bomb, or for what reason.

Some people who saw the bomb said they believed it may have been designed to cause a fire.

BOOK MISSING
Neither Police nor library officials have any idea how long the bomb may have been hidden. It has apparently been there long enough to run down most of its battery current.

Library employees said that the bomb was found behind a book entitled "Shall We Have a Workable Peace".

They also remarked that "one book we have in the library dealing with explosives is missing."

The library has an average of about 300 Yugoslav visitors daily.

After discovery of the bomb a notice was posted on the library's doors saying: "Closed for Wednesday." — Associated Press.

Derelict Ship Ablaze

Campbeltown, Scotland, Dec. 27.
A lighthouse keeper off this rocky Scottish coast today alerted Campbeltown's police and fire brigade when fire swept through the dismantled hull of the former 8,000-ton German-built Portuguese liner Colonial.

The liner is being broken up in a remote bay near here where she went on rocks last September in a gale while being towed from Lisbon.

The keeper saw the flames light up the sky. Firemen had the blaze under control by tonight, although smoke was still pouring from

26 Bodies Recovered

Manila, Dec. 28.
Twenty-six bodies have been recovered so far from the wreckage of a United States Air Force C-54 transport which crashed last week against a 9,000-foot mountain near Baguio, according to press reports from the summer capital. The plane was carrying 37 passengers and crewmen when it crashed while en route to Clark Field from Okinawa. The search for the 11 other bodies is continuing. The remains of the 26 victims are expected to be flown to Clark Field.—United Press.

PIRATED SHIP SILENT

No further information has been received in Hongkong from the 516-ton mv Isla Vesayas which was reported yesterday to have been boarded by pirates near Wenchow on Christmas Day and half her cargo stolen.

According to the ship's agents here, Messrs Wallem and Co., and the Naval authorities nothing has been heard from the ship since a message from Lloyds said she had been released and was proceeding on her way to Amoy.

The ship had apparently been disabled by boiler trouble and was drifting aimlessly when she was boarded by the pirates. The Caroline Moller was sent to her assistance but was unable to contact the vessel.

Palace For Sale

New Delhi, Dec. 27.
The Palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad, reputed to be the richest man in the world, is for sale.

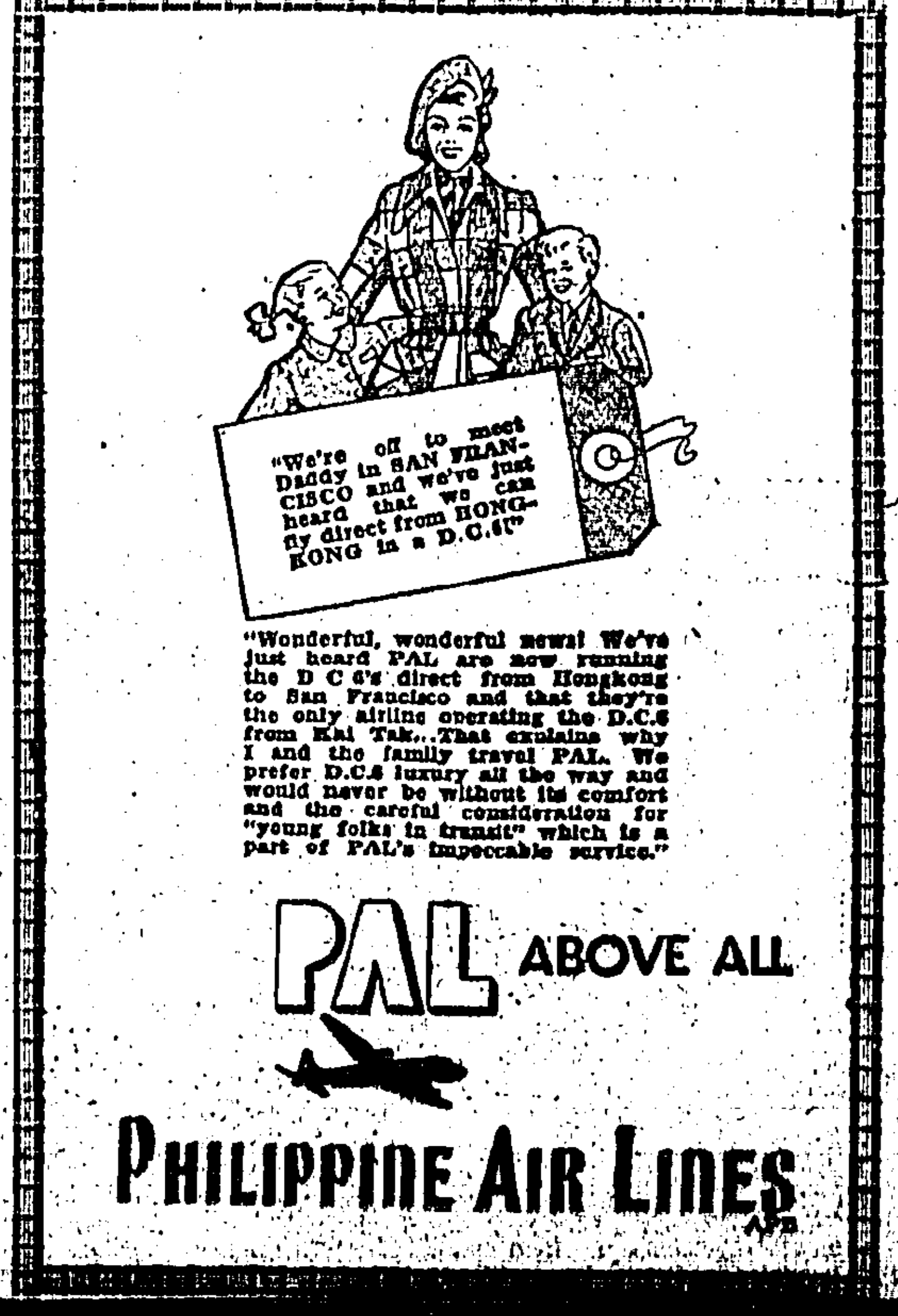
It costs the Hyderabad Government nearly £10,000 sterling a year to maintain. Proceeds of the sale will go to help finance the State's development schemes.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

HK Factories & The Embargo

HONGKONG manufacturers who depend very largely on obtaining their raw materials from the United States are, perhaps not unnaturally, receiving with some caution reports that there are prospects of the American embargo against exports to Hongkong being substantially lifted. Nevertheless the signs are encouraging and the Colony has good reason to appreciate the unremitting efforts of the US Consulate, and notably those of Mr. Ralph Hunt, its Economic Consul, to obtain clarification of and relief from the total restrictions which have been enforced. Clearly Mr. Hunt possesses a keen appreciation of local requirements and of the threat to the Colony's economies in the event of a prolonged dislocation of normal trade between here and the United States. We can only trust that top level officials in Washington will quickly gain a similar appreciation and accordingly modify the current restrictions. Hongkong's industries are not the mainstay of our economy but since the war they have become an increasingly important domestic feature. They have given employment to thousands of workers who could not otherwise be absorbed by the employment market; and they are materially contributing to the general prosperity of the Colony. For these industries to have to close down because of inability to obtain essential raw materials would be disturbing. Discontent among the laid-off workers would add to our already manifold problems; might well endanger local security. This aspect, apparently, has been stressed by British diplomats in Washington and it is a consideration of moment. The industrial development of Hongkong and the important part it is playing today in the life of the Colony is classically illustrated by the

Chinese Manufacturers Union exhibition now attracting huge crowds every day. The most revealing and astonishing feature of the exhibition is the appearance of a whole new range of manufactured commodities—destined as much for overseas markets as for local consumption. The exhibition proves beyond all doubt that Hongkong today is something more than an entrepot port and accordingly its needs for essential commodities, especially raw materials, have considerably increased. The most serious impact, therefore, which the US embargo makes on us is that of threatening the existence of the many new factories (and of course, the livelihood of those employed in them) which have become a vital part of Hongkong's economy. Hongkong's industries need the fullest protection if the Colony's stability, and in some degree its security, are to remain unimpaired. We believe the authorities in Washington will recognise this and will hearken to the well-founded pleas that modifications be made to the existing total embargo. It is of some importance to observe that sections of the American Press are beginning to appreciate Hongkong's peculiar position and to urge an easing of the restrictions. It still appears, however, that American shipping lines are not quite certain about their right to deliver Hongkong cargoes now on the high seas and a quick and emphatic instruction from top levels would materially help at this time. On our part we wish to reiterate once again that we are not seeking special privileges. But the economy of Hongkong depends in no small degree, on being able to obtain essential commodities and materials from the United States and if these be denied us for any considerable period there must be serious repercussions.



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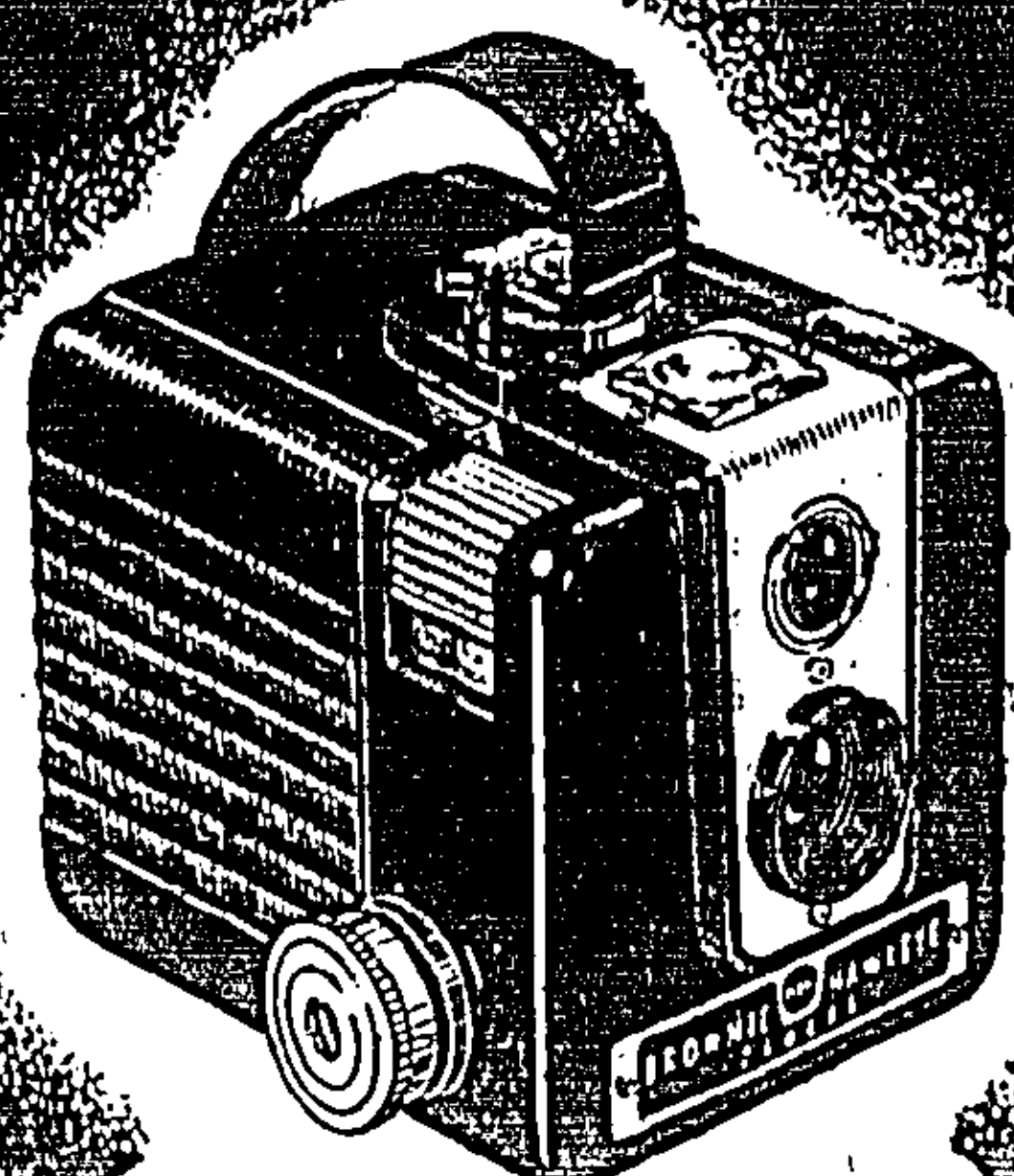
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A General's Luggage



General Wu Hsi-chuan, chief of Peking's delegation to the United Nations, shown at London Airport on his arrival from Lake Success en route for Peking via Moscow. They were greeted by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Zarubin. Above is some of the huge amount of luggage brought on the plane by General Wu. Every piece of the luggage was X-rayed by detectives before the plane was allowed to leave.—London Express Service.

IMPASSE REACHED IN VITAL HAGUE TALKS

The Hague, Dec. 27.

The Dutch and Indonesian delegations have definitely failed to reach an agreement on the future political status of Western New Guinea, it was announced this evening at the close of their final session at The Hague.

The delegations could not apparently even agree on the text of a final communique for at the end of the session each delegation issued its own statement.

Dr. Mohammed Roem, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, said, as he hurriedly left the conference room: "We could not find a solution as there was complete disagreement."

Statements made by both sides today during the final meeting were later published. The Indonesian delegation's statement reviewed its Government's general policy on the future status of the territory and its efforts to reach a solution of the problem.

It said: "As, in our view, December 27 had to be the last day of any conference to determine the status, we wish to state again (1) that the Republic of Indonesia maintains its claim to Western New Guinea, on the grounds that it is part of the territory of Indonesia and (2) that the status quo in Western New Guinea will continue as from today but without the approval of the Indonesian Republic."

The statement said that the Indonesians had started the conference with the hope that by December 27 there could be a joint Dutch-Indonesian declaration to the effect that both parties had agreed that sovereignty over Western New Guinea should be transferred by Holland to Indonesia and that the actual transfer should take place "in the middle of 1951" and that details of the transfer be fixed in the meantime by another conference with special attention to the protection of Dutch interests.

DUTCH REJECTION
The Dutch, however, rejected this.

Referring to the Dutch proposal for the delegation of sovereignty to the Netherlands-Indonesian Union, the Indonesian statement said that they definitely rejected this plan as it was similar to the one put forward earlier in the year and then turned down.

The Indonesians went on: "We cannot associate ourselves with Holland in a colonial relationship as the relation between Holland and West New Guinea is essentially quite different from that between Indonesia and New Guinea."

They added that they could not accept "continued outside administration in an area we feel to be part of our Fatherland."

DECIDE OWN FUTURE

The Dutch statement read at today's talks first mentioned the plan by which, "in due course", the population of Dutch New Guinea would decide their own future through a "plebiscite held under the joint supervision of Indonesia and Holland."

This would be held as soon as the people were politically capable of making their choice. It was also proposed to form a New Guinea Council in which Holland and Indonesia would have equal representation with Holland retaining sovereignty until the right of self-determination could be exercised. The Council would decide the administrative policy of the area and receive annual reports from the Dutch administrators. This plan was rejected by the Indonesian delegation after its leader, Dr. Roem, had returned from Djakarta last Friday.

OFFER FAILS

The Dutch Government then tried to bridge the differences by proposing to delegate sovereignty over the territory to the Netherlands-Indonesian Union while retaining Dutch administration.

In this way "joint action between Holland and Indonesia on New Guinea could be achieved and the problem taken out of the sphere of conflict into the sphere of co-operation." This plan was also rejected by the Indonesians. It said:

The statement then declared that as the future status of the area had not been determined by negotiation within the time set at the round-table conference last year, "Netherlands sovereignty and the status quo are maintained and the problem has not been solved."

The statement concluded with the suggestion that the negotiations might be continued with the assistance of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia or some other body which could help the parties to reach a solution.

It was understood from a usually reliable source that India

would join any other powers in making an effort to prevent a rupture in Dutch-Indonesian relations.

The talks have been going on for three weeks. Dr. Roem said after today's talks: "The situation is very serious."

He added: "We could not find a solution as there was complete disagreement." Asked how he felt, he replied: "I am not happy."

Dr. Roem said that his delegation would return to Indonesia on Friday.

The Dutch Coalition Government is already facing opposition from at least one of its strong component parties, the Socialists. If the Dutch yielded to the Indonesians, the Catholics and members of the two smaller parties would certainly have opposed it while a rupture with Indonesia may cause the Socialists to withdraw from the Government.—Reuters.

DESPERATE EFFORTS
The Hague, Dec. 27.
With only a few hours remaining before the "deadline" for the settlement of the future of Dutch New Guinea by negotiation, desperate efforts were being made here today to find a way out of the deadlock.

Sir Philip Nichols, the British Ambassador, called this afternoon at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and there were secret and frank discussions during the morning between the chief Indonesian and Dutch delegates.

Britain has so far remained neutral in the dispute, but it was known here that Sir Philip Nichols made it clear that every effort should be made to prevent the New Guinea problem becoming another storm centre in Asia.

The Australian Embassy worked throughout the whole holiday period suggesting that Canberra was getting anxious and needed detailed reports from the Australian Ambassador, Mr. A. Stirling.—Reuters.

Spain Pleased
Madrid, Dec. 27.
Satisfaction was expressed here at the appointment of Mr. Stanton Griffiths as the United States' new Ambassador to Spain.

The American Embassy here said it expected that Mr. Griffiths would arrive in Madrid after the New Year.—Reuters.

NEW MOVE FOR A CEASE-FIRE

Major Effort Being Planned By The Asian-Arab Bloc
Resurrection Of Plan For
General Peace Parleys

Lake Success, Dec. 27.

The Asian-Arab bloc is planning a new major effort in the United Nations to ease the Far East crisis, it was learned today.

Spurred to action by Communist China's rejection of the United Nations' cease-fire effort, 12 of the 13 Asian-Arab states that initiated that frustrated move held an emergency Christmas Eve session to consider another approach. Delegation sources said the 12 nations would meet again later this week.

It was believed the group was planning to press for General Assembly adoption of their temporarily-shelved proposal for a peace parley on broad Far Eastern issues.

This belief was heightened by the fact that the Philippines—13th sponsor of the cease-fire move—was not invited to the new series of urgent meetings.

Japanese Security In Danger

GENERAL WARNS

Washington, Dec. 27.

Lieutenant-General Robert Eichelberger said today that Japan and the United States "need one another" and must stand firmly together if there is to be peace in Asia and security against Communist domination.

The former Commander of the Eighth Army said the United States "has a great responsibility for Japan's welfare and security and must take every possible step to inspire the country against the designs of Moscow."

In a special interview, the vigorous soldier who conducted epic campaigns of the Pacific and headed the occupation army in Japan, said he had two New Year's wishes for Japan.

Gen. Eichelberger hoped that the coming year will see a conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty, and that Japan will be able to defend herself.

He declared, "Never in history has my country or Japan been in as great danger as now."

"GREAT PRIZE"

Nothing that Japan is "shoved" right up against Russia," Gen. Eichelberger said, that despite this Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida has made it plain that he intends to side with the Democrats. He said, "Never in the history of nations has a conquering army been received with such total co-operation. Never in history has an occupying army with its own funds brought food to the conquered." Declaring that "Japan is a great industrial prize of the Far East," Gen. Eichelberger said it was of utmost importance for the United States to prevent any untimely power from taking control of the country. He said, "In Japan we have a great industrial potential" and a reservoir of goodwill "founded upon mutual respect."

Gen. Eichelberger made it clear that if the deterioration of the world situation made it necessary he would be ready at a moment's notice to go back on active service for whatever assignment might be offered. He said he had been trying in his talks throughout the country to awaken the American people to the "tremendous importance" of Japan in the present world picture.—United Press.

Maharaja's Complaint

Bombay, Dec. 27.

The Maharaja of Baroda charged today that the Indian Government's "mean treatment" had reduced many former princely rulers of Indian states to wandering exiles.

In a speech to a meeting of the recently-formed Union of Rulers, the Maharaja said several former princes had been "compelled to leave their homes and homes and to wander aimlessly about as exiles."

"This is because of the mean and unreasonable practices resorted to by the administrative officials appointed by the Government of India."

In a prepared 600-word statement, the Maharaja listed the princes "sacrifices" they had made since India became independent in August 1947. He said the main purpose of the meeting was to strengthen the Union of Rulers, which has 85 members. He accused the Indian government of breaking "solemn promises" made to the princes when the Indian states were merged into the Indian Union, and called on the princes to formulate a plan aimed at redressing their grievances.—United Press.

British Forces To Come Under Eisenhower

London, Dec. 27.

British troops will be transferred to the Atlantic Pact Army immediately General Dwight Eisenhower sets up his command, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said in London today.

He added that the British forces to be placed at General Eisenhower's disposal would include the British contingents in Germany, Austria and Trieste. It was understood that the formal announcement would be made as soon as the constitutional procedure had been complied with.—Reuters.

OFFENSIVE IN TIBET HALTED

Shillong, Assam, Dec. 27.

The Chinese offensive in Tibet has been halted because of the heavy snowfall, according to an official spokesman of the North-East Frontier Agency which is administered by the Indian Government.

The spokesman added, however, that the propaganda war is still on. Chinese leaflets reaching Rima, a Tibetan township 18 miles from the Indian border, said that the Chinese were entering Tibet "to liberate Tibetans from American and British influences."

"There is nothing to show that Chinese troops are intended for any attack on India," the spokesman said. "But the Government of India are taking all precautions to guard the main paths from the north-east."

Chinese troops in Eastern Tibet were stationed at four points from 80 to 180 miles from Kasao, India's farthest outpost in the north-east, the spokesman said.—Reuters.

Critics Pick Best Movie

New York, Dec. 27.

New York Film critics today voted "All About Eve" the best American movie of 1950 and cited Bette Davis and Joseph Mankiewicz as the best actress and best director respectively for their work on this 20th Century Fox picture.

Gregory Peck was voted best actor for his work in "Twelve O'Clock High."

"Ways of Love" was voted the best foreign film. Banked behind "All About Eve" were "Sunset Boulevard," "Aphrodite," "The Devil's Doorway." The winner was chosen on the first ballot.

John Huston was runner-up to Mankiewicz for his direction of "Aphrodite." Judy Holliday of "Born Yesterday" was second to Miss Davis and Jose Ferrer was runner-up to Peck for his work in "Cyran de Bergerac."—United Press.

Eisenhower Going To Paris

Paris, Dec. 27.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said today that General Dwight Eisenhower, the Atlantic Commander-in-Chief, will probably come to Europe about Jan. 15 but certainly before the end of January.

He will set up temporary headquarters in Paris and decide on a permanent headquarters after making contact with different members of the Atlantic Alliance.

General Eisenhower will assume the Supreme Command of the Atlantic Alliance, which will be divided into North, Central and South zones commands instead of land, naval and air commands, he added.—Reuters.

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Committee Of 3 To Report

New York, Dec. 27. The United Nations Korean Cease-Fire committee of three met today at the residence of Sir Denegat Narsing Rao, of India, to consider the Peking Government's reply to the United Nations appeal for a peaceful settlement in Korea.

Mr. Nasrollah Entezam and Mr. R. G. Riddell, of Canada, attended. Mr. Riddell was representing Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, the third member of the Committee.

The Committee would begin to draft its final report to the Political Committee today.—Reuter.

Chinese Reds In Full Control Of Korea Operations

Lake Success, Dec. 27.

General Douglas MacArthur said today that the Chinese Communists had apparently taken over direct responsibility for the whole of the North Korean front and sent the Koreans to Manchuria for training.

In two reports to the United Nations covering November, General MacArthur said, "At present the only significant military power now confronting the United Nations' forces in Korea is Communist China.

"No pretext of minor support under the guise of volunteerism or other subterfuge now has the slightest validity. Irrefutable facts prove that the Chinese Communist regime has directed an invasion of Korea and an assault against the United Nations forces."

General MacArthur confirmed that United Nations planes attacking south of the Manchurian border had drawn anti-aircraft fire from guns on the Manchurian side and added, "This hostile action has been conducted with impunity as the result of the scrupulous efforts of the United Nations to maintain inviolate the border.

"The Communists practice this conscienceless devotion of justice and peace from their cages of aggression protected solely by the barrier imposed by the democracies' desire to prevent an expansion of the arena of conflict."

Both reports referred to the menace of guerrilla operations behind the United Nations lines. The guerrilla forces were estimated at from 30,000 to 35,000, and it was said that there was evidence that their activities were controlled by the Communist High Command.

General MacArthur estimated that during the period under review almost a third of the United Nations' troops in Korea were employed against the guerrillas to protect supply lines and vital centres.

One report estimated that complete, organised Chinese Communist units, totalling more than five Chinese Communist armies with a strength of approximately 250,000 had already crossed into North Korea and attacked United Nations forces.

General MacArthur reported that about 35,000 people, mostly non-combatants, were believed to have been victims of "unbelievable atrocities" by North Koreans.

In his second report General MacArthur said that there had been a decrease in war crimes and suggested that the Communists had possibly been influenced by the threat of post-war punishment.—Reuter.

OVER 400,000 REDS

Tokyo, Dec. 27. General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters today estimated that 444,000 Chinese Communist and North Korean troops are in Korea.

The total Communist forces in Korea and Manchuria, on route, were estimated at 1,350,000. The aggregate North Korean Army strength was given as 167,203 and the aggregate Chinese Communist strength in North Korea was given as 277,173.

The dispositions of the enemy troops outlined in the communiqué were put at 171,117 facing the United Nations Eighth Army along the 38th Parallel, the communiqué said.

Recent indications pointed to a build-up of the North Korean forces. Eleven re-constituted North Korean divisions had reappeared in the last 12 days. Twenty-two of the identified 28 North Korean units were infantry divisions, one an armoured division and three brigades.

The communiqué said that reports were received that there were 130,000 North Korean troops undergoing training in Manchuria in late November.

"With the manpower pool that is currently available to the North Korean Army, it is reasonable to assume that the enemy has the capability of placing several additional North Korean divisions in the field in the very near future," the communiqué added.—Reuter.

NEW COMMANDER

Lieutenant General Matthew B. Ridgeway, the new American Eighth Army Commander, flew into Seoul today and set off immediately to visit front line units, where he conferred with his Corps and divisional commanders.

He also made a personal call on the South Korean President, Dr. Syngman Rhee.—Reuter.

10TH CORPS' ROLE

The United States 10th Corps, which was recently evacuated from North-East Korea, has reverted to the operational control of the Eighth Army, an Army spokesman announced tonight.

"You may announce that the 10th Corps has ceased to function as an independent unit. It has reverted to the operational control of the United States Eighth Army, effective today (Wednesday)," the spokesman added.

No information as to the Corps' future role was disclosed.—Reuter.

ACTRESS ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Santa Monica, Calif., Dec. 27. The actress Betty Hutton filed suit today to divorce Ted Brislin, Chicago camera manufacturer from whom she separated three weeks ago after a four-month reconciliation.

She charged mental cruelty in a routine complaint, which was almost identical with the one she filed earlier this year and dropped.

She said the property settlement reached at that time was suitable to her, except with regard to the provision for support of their two children, Lindsay, four, and Candace, two. Brislin previously had agreed to pay \$50 a month support. Miss Hutton said she now earned \$40,000 a year and asked the Court to decide on just and proper support payment.

She also asked for custody of both children and agreed to give Brislin reasonable visiting privileges.—United Press.

Jap Gets US Post

New York, Dec. 27. The Japanese scientist who won the Nobel Prize in Physics, has decided to remain in this country and has been appointed a full-time Professor of Physics at Columbia University.—Reuter.

Reprived Black Watch Sentry And His Bride



Private Gordon Linsell and his bride, Sheila Johnson, after their wedding at Amersham Registry Office. Pte. Linsell was the Black Watch sentry who was sentenced to death on May 25 this year for shooting a German policeman. The Court sentencing him added a recommendation to mercy, and the death sentence was commuted.—London Express Service.

Dean Of Westminster Appeals For Return Of Coronation Stone

London, Dec. 27.

The Dean of Westminster broadcast an emotional appeal at the peak of British radio listening time on Wednesday night for the recovery of the Stone of Scone.

Dr. Alan Don said he would "go to the ends of the earth" to recover the relic, and appealed to all listeners to "keep your eyes and ears open," and report any information to the police or to him.

A force of 70,837 men and women is working on the case. A Scotland Yard spokesman said orders had gone out to every police officer in England, Scotland and Wales to join in the search or combine it with his regular duties.

The Dean's unprecedented broadcast came just before the six o'clock news. He expressed horror that "sacriligious hands" had touched the stone, and said the knew King George VI was "greatly distressed" over the loss. But mixed with such pronouncements of solemnity was a widespread mood of hilarity among ordinary citizens that such a fabulous feat had been accomplished.

It provided relief from the customary diet of war news, and newspaper cartoonists pictured Nelson's statue, atop the column in Trafalgar Square, as being next on the list.—United Press.

BOLD EXPLOIT

New York, Dec. 27. The Herald Tribune said editorially on Wednesday that the theft of the Stone of Scone "is a bold exploit which ranks as the sort of strong meat of drama and mystery on which

the pens of Robert Louis Stevenson or Sir Arthur Conan Doyle would have gladly fed. That the thieves were able to make a getaway with a sizable slab of yellow sandstone is a reflection on British guardianship of its chunks of history, which Scotland Yard is working strenuously to rectify."—United Press.

War Declared On Wolves

Washington, Dec. 27. Arctic wolves have helped to destroy in the last 10 years all but an estimated 50,000 of Alaska's former great herd of some 550,000 reindeer, according to the National Geographic Society.

In an effort to save the herds, on which the people depend for food and transport, the United States Government has declared war on the wolves. Planes are being used to spot wolf packs, and machine-gun them from the air.—Reuter.

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Air Force Guard Over New York

Washington, Dec. 27.

The Air Force announced that its first operational unit of all-weather jet fighters was now standing 24-hour guard over New York and adjacent critical areas of the industrial East.

The watch is being maintained by the 52nd Fighter All-weather Wing stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, which has been equipped with new Lockheed F-94 craft.

Warning Of Red Strength

170-Division Army

Paris, Dec. 27.

The French Government warned on Wednesday that Soviet Russia was armed with 170 divisions, totalling 4,500,000 men under arms, in addition to 952,000 in her satellite States in Europe.

The estimate was made by Defence Minister Jules Moch during a debate on the rearmament Bill which the Government is seeking to push through the reluctant National Assembly before Jan. 1.

M. Moch said these figures date back to the beginning of this year, and were the latest in the possession of the French Government. He said Russia also has 18 air armies, and her military budget for 1950 totalling about \$20,000,000,000, roughly ten times France's military expenditure for 1951.

M. Moch said: "If peace is threatened, it is not by the United States, France also intends to prepare herself against any aggression." M. Moch said France was anxious for the Big Four conference that will be convened in March.

M. Moch attacked the Communist attempt to block the Assembly debate on the Government's arms Bill.—United Press.

SEQUEL TO ATTEMPT ON TRUMAN

New York, Dec. 27.

Conspiracy charges against the widow of the Puerto Rican who was slain in the assassination attempt on President Truman, were dismissed on Wednesday, and the wife of his fellow gunman was released from bond on her own recognisance. Bail for two Puerto Rican nationalist leaders, who had also been held in connection with the assassination plot, was reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000.

U.S. Commissioner Edward McDonald dismissed the conspiracy charge against Mrs. Carmen Torrecilla, 21, for lack of evidence that she conspired with her husband and others to harm the President of the United States.

Mrs. Rosa Collazo, 41 whose husband is to be tried in Washington for killing a Blair House guard, was freed from jail on her own recognisance.

Mr. McDonald reduced the \$50,000 bail of Julio Pinto Gaudin, 40, president of the New York branch of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, and Juan Bernardo Lebron, 30, to \$1,000 each.—United Press.

Xmas Gifts Flown To Korea

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Three tons of Christmas gifts from dependent wives in Japan were flown to Korea for men of the United States Army 24th Division, according to General MacArthur's Public Information Office.—Reuter.

Canadian Jet Plane A Versatile Job

Ottawa, Dec. 27.

Canada's Defence Department is beginning to think its big jet fighter, the Canuck, is shaping up as possibly the most versatile combat plane developed since the Second World War.

Designed as a long range, all-weather interceptor fighter, the Canuck is an unusually powerful two-seater plane built to roam across the Northern Wilderness.

Now, defence officials say, tests are showing its qualifications for these other potential roles:

- 1.—Fleet Air Arm work on board aircraft carriers.
- 2.—Tactical support for ground forces.
- 3.—Long-range reconnaissance.
- 4.—Bombing.

That prospective range of versatility, reminiscent of the Second World War's Mosquito, has already spread its fame well beyond Canada's borders. It will possibly be one of the country's major contributions to the Atlantic Pact.

Still not mated with its own Canadian-designed engine, the Canuck, still seldom if ever turned really loose, it has been officially reported as making 538 miles an hour—and to be capable of better than that.

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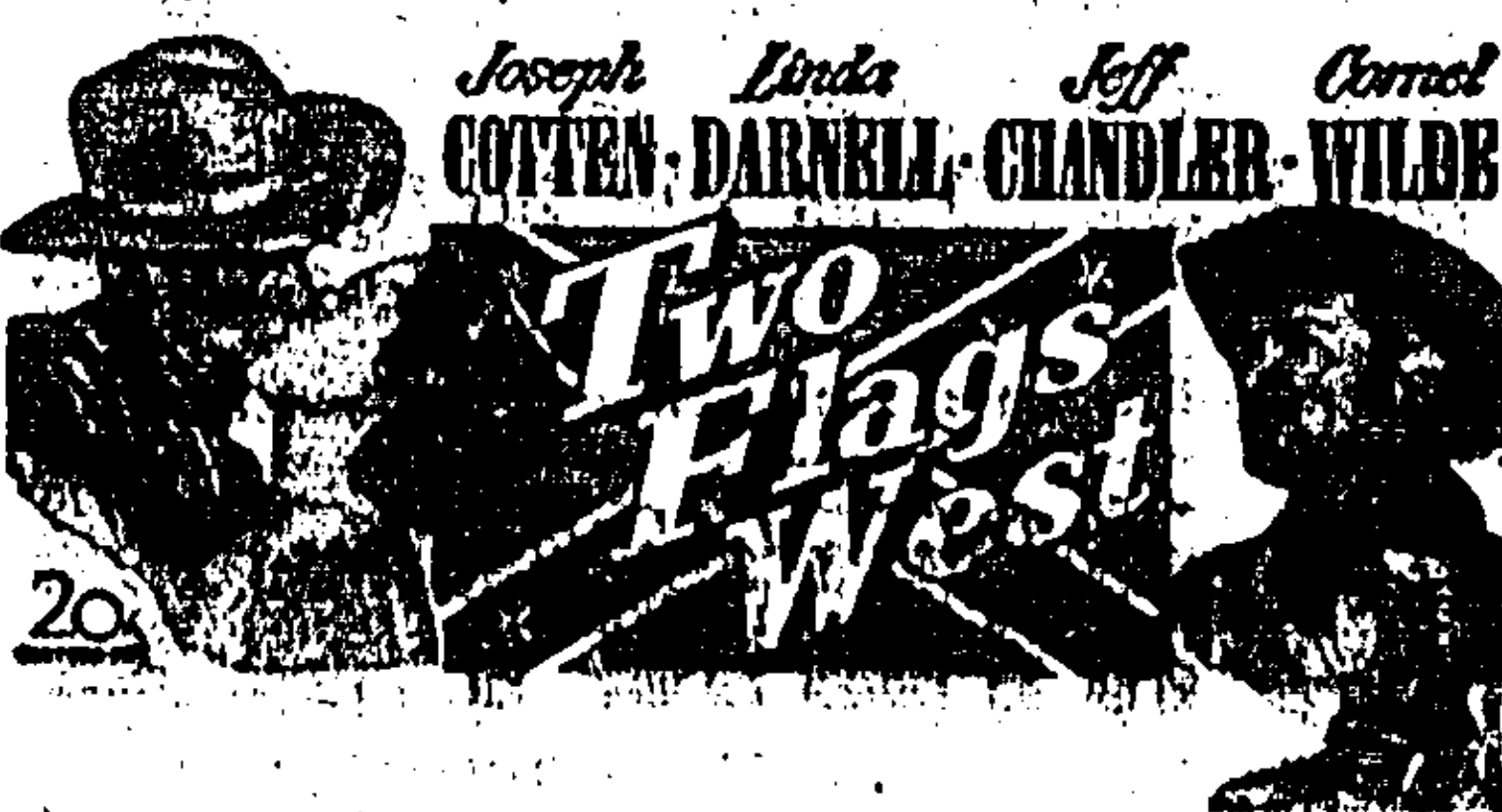


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DON IDDON'S DIARY

NEW YORK, TUESDAY

THE bitter tea of General Wu is not the Christmas punch the United States was hoping for.

The American stomach can accommodate raw gin, straight Scotch, bathtub bourbon, rot-gut rye, or proof liquor distilled in the kitchen sink, but it turns and becomes queasy over General Wu's mixture.

The medicine he served at Lake Success has given nausea to everyone except the Communists.

I watched Wu in action. He was arrogant and unyielding at the special Press conference. The ugly fear, a badge of his revolutionary days, was white with rage.

No tears from me
HE spat his shrill Chinese at the reporters. The United Nations plan for a cease-fire in Korea was a "trap." The U.S. must quit Korea. He was going home.

There will be no tears from me. I am delighted that both Yehyinsky and Wu are not staying for Christmas. In fact, I believe it is the Christmas preparations here—the trees and decorations, the carols, the glow of good will in the city—which has helped drive them away. The war-makers cannot abide the peace of the season.

Good-bye, Andrei. Farewell, Wu. You are not providing oil for the lamps of China—you are merely putting them out.

The departure of the czars coincides with the official proclamation of a National Emergency here.

What does it mean? It means a mighty mobilisation of men and machines, an iron freeze of prices, a vast network of controls.

There are to be more men under arms, more armaments, more taxes, fewer strikes. It is not an all-out effort, but it is a start.

President Truman has called for a lot less than his opponent, Governor Dewey, demanded. America is still to have butter along with the guns—for the time being.

By mid-New Year I expect the U.S. to be contemplating margarine.

Changed tune
BECAUSE of the sacrifices, actual and anticipated, of the Emergency, several Americans are asking what the British are doing. Have we proclaimed a National Emergency? Are we pulling out weight?

Christmas scramble
THERE is a scramble for goods of every sort, and

America will make the guns, won't give up butter just yet

The fact that Britain has decided she no longer needs Marshall Aid has surprised the folks. Our critics, who yesterday were calling us panhandlers, supplicants, and non-stop crooners of "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" today ask if we are getting out while the getting is good.

Of course, we are doing nothing of the sort. These suspicions show how rattled our Allies have become. To erase their doubts I suggest a British Beaver Plan, a bundles-for-America drive.

We have stepped off the American gravy-train. Let us get up steam ourselves and launch a ration-for-the-Ro public revival. It would be a great contribution to Anglo-American solidarity and help to end the heckling.

Canada speaks up
I feel sure Canada contemplates something of the sort. Canada has been acting recently in a manner confusing and perplexing to Americans. When disaster struck in Korea, and Britain and the rest of Europe counselled caution, there were many here who shouted: "We will do it alone—with Canada, of course. Let's stand on our own feet—and on Canada's, of course."

This was the chant, the familiar refrain. But Canada, far from being taken for granted, spoke up for herself and is still speaking.

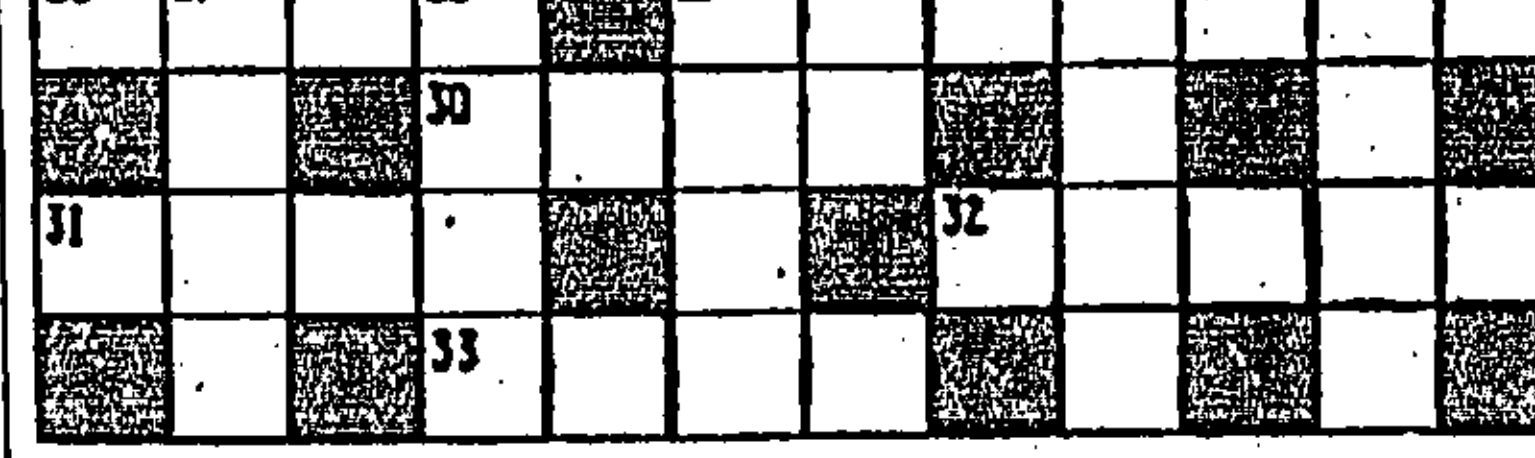
Mr. Lester Pearson dares the Americans to call Canadians appeasers, and his restraining grip on the American wrist is firmer than Mr. Attlee's.

The Canadians say: "Calm down and cool off," and they say it distinctly. These rebukes are a shower of ice-water on American hotheads. They are a jolt and a shock, but they are an important step towards unity.

The National Emergency has not dimmed the celebrations. New York is the scene of perpetual cocktail-bibbing and apparently care-free carousing. I have never known a more hectic Christmas.

Christmas scramble
THERE is a scramble for goods of every sort, and

A British Crossword Puzzle



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 3 Irritation. | 1 Dwarf. |
| 7 Set in motion. | 2 Treachery. |
| 8 Egress. | 4 Traffic. |
| 9 Call. | 5 Assist. |
| 10 Null. | 6 Storage chamber. |
| 12 Malay vessel. | 9 Strikes. |
| 15 Glutted. | 11 Beverage. |
| 16 Records progress. | 13 Tumult. |
| 19 Fervid. | 14 Continous pain. |
| 21 Old woman. | 15 Make difficulties. |
| 22 Leave out. | 17 Blackleg. |
| 23 Stage show. | 18 Plunder. |
| 24 Morsel of food. | 20 Penetrated. |
| 29 Wed. | 22 Egg-shaped. |
| 30 Surety. | 24 Radiates. |
| 31 Projectile. | 25 Ease off. |
| 32 Tree. | 27 Figure. |
| 33 Girdle. | 28 Recedes. |

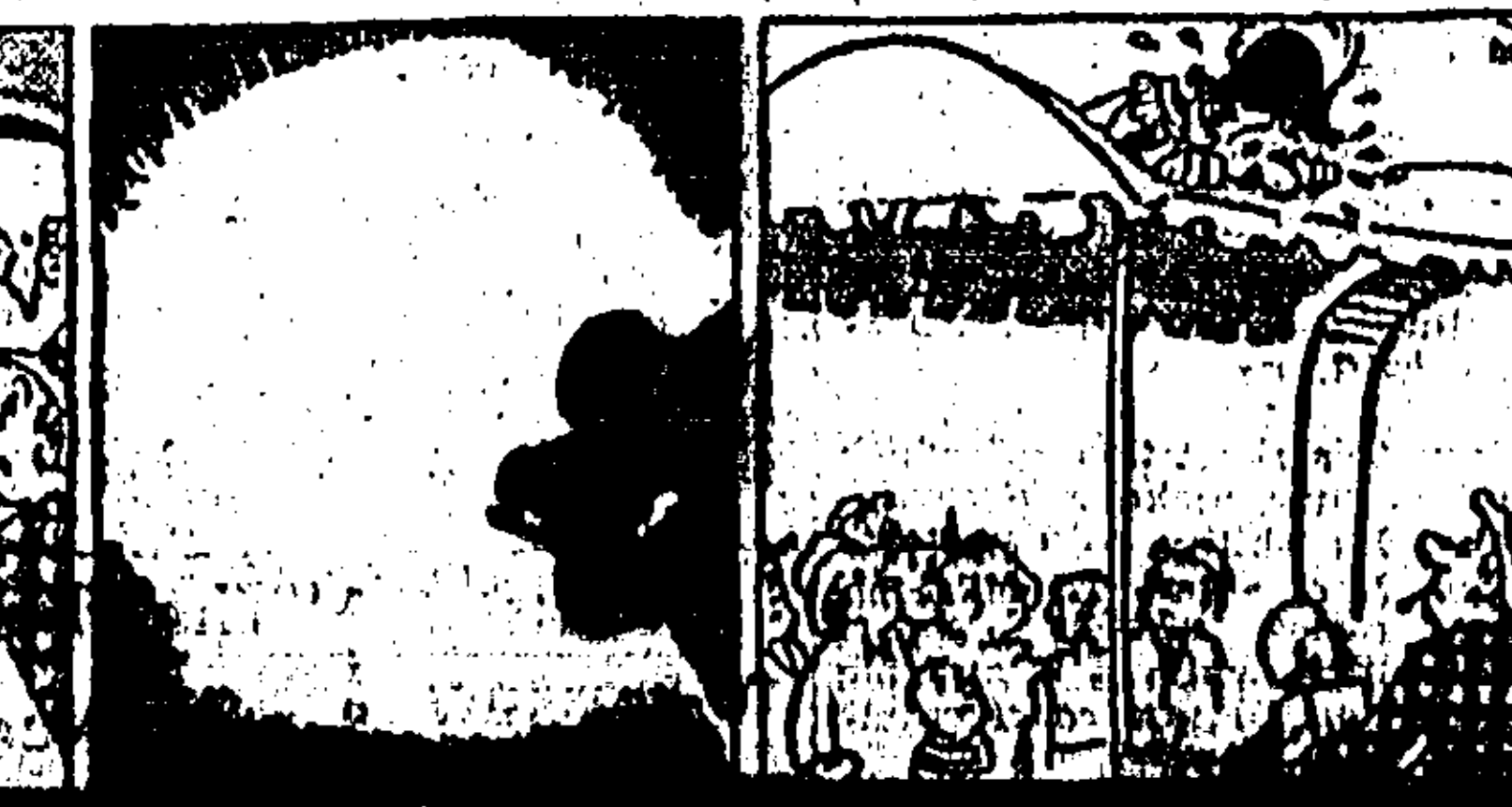
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across — 1 Rumpus, 7 Onth, 8 Miser, 10 Azure, 11 Vote, 13 Retaliate, 16 News, 19 Dhad, 20 Deliberate, 22 Spar, 24 Optic, 25 Usual, 26 Mote, 27 Delved. Down — 2 Upset, 3 Peril, 4 Seaman, 6 Souvenir, 8 Sift, 9 Arrow, 12 Ensnare, 13 Robber, 14 Asserted, 17 Adapt, 18 Mixed, 20 Equal, 21 Abuse, 23 Pool.

FERDINAND



Flash in the Pan

By MIM



There is even a Christmas cult in women's fashions. The smart are wearing great scarlet cloaks and bonnets, trimmed with fur. They carry huge muffs and bags as big as Santa's sack. Knitted tights in bright red, and wild woolles decorated with sequin hearts, butterflies and cupid heads have brought colour to the lingerie departments, and garters are as gay as Christmas wrappings.

With the stars
IN entertainment the Emergency has not yet been felt. Producers curse themselves for making so many Korean war films, but are consoled by the thought that they did not portray Errol Flynn capturing a single-handedly.

The people are having fun while they can, capitalizing on the skilled blackmail of the merchants. Never has so much loot been gouged out of so many.

There are tremendous trees glittering and glowing with sparkles and coloured lights in New York's squares and plazas. There are armies of Santas and Salvation Army girls swinging red balls down Fifth Avenue.

There are choristers singing in St. Patrick's Cathedral, and outside Saks store there are dummies wired for sound and giving forth with "Good King Wenceslas" and "White Shepherds Watched."

Footnote—Peace at any price is out, but peace at bargain rates could be considered.

New Approach To Racial Problems

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London. Unesco is making a new approach next year to the problems of race and racial discrimination. A first step was taken last July when a panel of experts issued under Unesco's authority a statement on the subject. The views and conclusions of those experts, however, have been regarded as highly controversial in various quarters.

The Royal Anthropological Institute in the United Kingdom declares that inquiries made among British anthropologists reveal a feeling that the inclusion of views based on insufficient scientific evidence did less than justice to the great cause itself and to the unanimity with which anthropologists could agree upon the main essentials.

The Institute has now announced that as a result of correspondence it has exchanged with the Division for the Study of Racial Problems of Unesco, a new panel of physical anthropologists and biologists will be appointed to write a new statement.

Although the membership of the new panel has not yet been announced, it is believed that its composition will be such as will warrant the production of a scientifically sound document which will be of great value to all those who are opposed to racial prejudice.

Here are the main points in the original statement issued by Unesco last July:

- MAIN POINTS**
1. Racial discrimination has no scientific foundation in biological fact.
 2. The range of mental capacities in all races is much the same. There is no proof that the groups of mankind differ in intelligence, temperament or other mental characteristics.
 3. Extensive study yields no evidence that race mixture produces biologically bad results. The social results of race mixture are to be traced to social factors. There is no justification for prohibiting intermarriage between persons of different ethnic groups.
 4. Race is less a biological fact than a social myth. As a myth it has in recent years taken a heavy toll in human lives and suffering, and still keeps millions of persons from normal development and civilization and from the full use of the co-operation of productive minds.
 5. But scientifically, no large modern national or religious group is a race. Nor are people who speak a single language, or live in a single geographical area, or share in a single cultural community necessarily a race.
 6. Tests have shown essential similarity in mental characters among all groups. Given similar degrees of cultural opportunity, to realise their potentialities, the average

MAX TRELL

Knarf, Hanid Meet Two Pixies

—They Help Them Solve a Problem—

By MAX TRELL

"LOOK, Knarf!" Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, said suddenly to her brother as they were both walking through the deep grass and high hedges on the other side of the garden wall. "Look! Here come Pixie O'Scowl and Pixie O'Cutie!"

Knarf looked quickly, following the direction in which Hanid was excitedly pointing. Sure enough, there were Pixie O'Scowl, wearing his usual frown; with Pixie O'Cutie, the girl pixie, smiling and cheerful. They were walking side by side, and then walking side by side, for Pixie O'Scowl kept trying to dart into the hedges every few steps, and Pixie O'Cutie kept pulling him back again by the coat-tails every time he tried to do so.

Finally Knarf and Hanid heard Pixie O'Scowl saying in a loud and angry voice: "I won't go another step further! No sir! Not another step!" At this Knarf and Hanid ran over to them to see what was the matter.

Two Shadows
"Hello!" cried Pixie O'Cutie cheerfully when she saw the two shadows. Knarf and Hanid returned her greeting. But Pixie O'Scowl had plumped himself down on the bent stem of a tree and simply grunted: "Hi-lo!"

"What's wrong with him to-day?" Hanid asked Pixie O'Cutie. "He's torn his coat, and he doesn't want to go and get it fixed. Come, dear," Pixie O'Cutie said to Pixie O'Scowl as she took him by the arm and tried to make him turn around; "show Knarf and Hanid where your coat is."

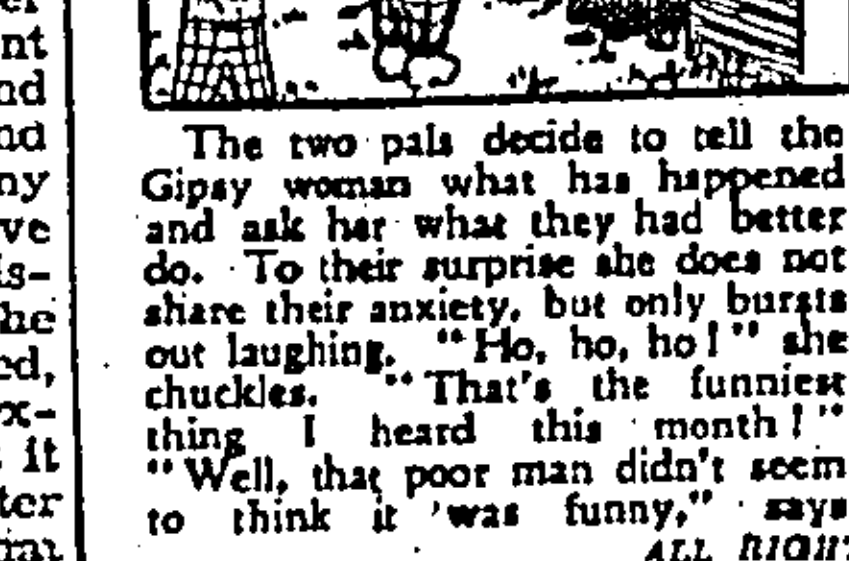
"The spider?" exclaimed Hanid in amazement. "Oh! Is she the pixie's coat fixer?" In a way Hanid began to feel sorry for Pixie O'Scowl. She felt she could hardly blame him for not liking a spider. She didn't care much for spiders herself.

"But why can't you just take your coat off?" she asked Pixie O'Scowl. "I mean while she's sewing it."

"She'd run off with it," said Pixie O'Scowl. "That's why!" It was Knarf who thought of a better idea. He ran to a nearby tree and returned with a caterpillar. The caterpillar, who was about to spin a web for himself (which caterpillars always do before they turn into butterflies) quickly agreed to sew up the rip in Pixie O'Scowl's coat. He did a good job, too. It looked as good as new in less than five minutes.

But the instant it was done, Pixie O'Scowl dashed off. "Oh dear—I do hope he doesn't tear it again. He's so much trouble!" sighed Pixie O'Cutie.

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—10



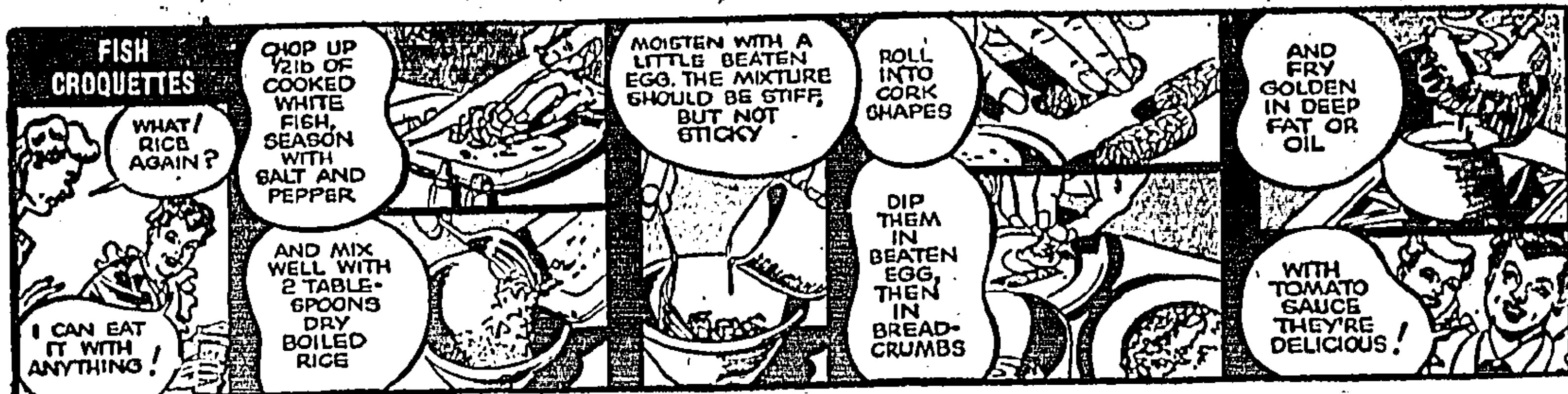
The two pals decide to tell the Gipsy woman what has happened and ask her what they had better do. To their surprise she does not share their anxiety, but only bursts out laughing. "He, he, he!" she chuckles. "That's the funniest thing I heard this month!"

"Well, that poor man didn't seem to think it was funny," says ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You can massacre the white settlers after you've had your nap!"



WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LEFT-OVER TURKEY

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WHAT'S for dinner for our readers?" asked the Chef. "They'll have left-over turkey or some roast pork, according to what they served for the main course on Christmas," I answered.

"Then they can have the turkey hash; turkey in cream sauce; turkey croquettes; turkey and vegetable pie; turkey soufflé."

"I've got it, Chef! Let's have turkey à la king in popovers." "A brilliant suggestion, Madame. The light popovers will be a perfect container for the turkey."

"And popovers should be broken open and not cut," I added; "cutting makes them heavy. But what if our readers have roast pork on hand?"

Escalloped with Tomatoes

"That is very good escalloped with tomatoes," suggested the Chef, "or in a curry to serve with rice; or made into hash; or chili con carne; or perhaps in a pie."

"An old fashioned pork pie would be very good," I agreed. "Now there's the question of a soup. The turkey frame might be used."

"But I think it would be a better plan not to serve the turkey soup for lunch," said the Chef. "Otherwise there will be too much turkey flavour in the dinner. I would suggest instead, a grated potato soup for a change."

"And for vegetables let's have something different from those served over the week-end. Escalloped tomato would be good, and mashed winter squash would make a nice contrast."

"Or, how would you like mashed pumpkin?" asked the Chef. "Squash and pumpkin can be cooked by the same methods, as they have the same texture and a similar flavour."

"A good point, Chef. And pumpkin is not expensive right now. As to the dessert," I con-

tinued, "let's have a refreshing fruit-gel made from the odds and ends of fruits in the refrigerator."

DINNER

Grated Potato Soup Croutons
A la King Turkey in Popovers
or Old Time Pork Pie
Mashed Winter Squash or Pumpkin

Escalloped Tomato
3 Fruits-Gel Topping
Coffee or Tea Milk
(Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Grated Potato Soup

Fine-chop a medium-sized onion and slightly brown in 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Add 1 1/2 c. coarse-grated raw potato and 1 qt. soup stock (any kind); or use instead 1 qt. water and 4 bouillon cubes. Slow-boil 15 min. Add 1 tsp. minced parsley, and serve with or without croutons.

Popovers

Sift together 1 1/4 c. flour and 1/2 tsp. salt. Next into a medium-sized deep mixing bowl, measure 1 1/4 c. milk. Beat in the flour mixture slowly to make a smooth batter, using an egg beater. Last beat 2 eggs light and add to the first mixture. Add 1 tsp. melted

butter or margarine; beat hard for 2 min. The mixture should be full of bubbles. Meanwhile heat deep gem pans, or 6 oz. popovers or deep custard cups, and oil them well with butter or margarine. Half fill with the batter. Bake in a very hot oven, 450 F. for 30 min. Then reduce the heat to 350 F. and bake 10 min. longer. This makes 9 or 10 popovers.

GADGET

discovered by JOAN DALE



This miniature carpet sweeper picks up ash or crumbs from the table and has a plastic case shaped to fit the palm of the hand.

—(London Express Service)



Children's Fancy Costumes For New Year Party

CHILDREN love to dress up, and grown-ups can quickly become like children when there are costumes to be made and worn, and fun to be had as a result!

Black and orange are gay colours. Crepe paper with its comparatively low cost is good for costumes that need to last only long enough for an afternoon or evening of merriment. Crepe paper has its crinkle in the narrow width of paper, so for skirts and capes, it is often necessary to flounce these to get the length desired.

Do not hesitate to stitch and gather crepe paper on the machine. Use a long stitch, and stitch just as you would fabric. For the Witch costume, buy a ten-foot fold of black crepe paper. Cut in half crosswise or the 20" way. Cut off 2 1/2 ft. for hat.

Remaining 2 1/2 ft. is split in half crosswise, giving you two 10" strips. These are sewed together and stitched to bottom of cape to make it 30" long.

Buy an 8-ft. black and orange checked paper table cloth. Cut 6" strip off one 8-ft. edge. Use 5 ft. of this strip for a gathered neck ruffle, remaining 3 ft. to gather around crown of hat.

Use cotton twill tape in joining top of gathered cape and neck ruffle, leaving tape ends to tie.

Gather the remainder of the paper table cloth (skirt) to correspond to waist measure and stitch to tape, leaving long enough tape ends for ties. Turn bottom up to length desired and stitch hem.

Any old straw hat or cardboard makes a good brim to paste crepe paper to, and a simple cone makes the crown, as in A.



For Child's Costume: Buy two 10-ft. folds of crepe paper. Notch one edge of each before taking them out of band wrapper, making notches 2" deep and 2" wide at top.

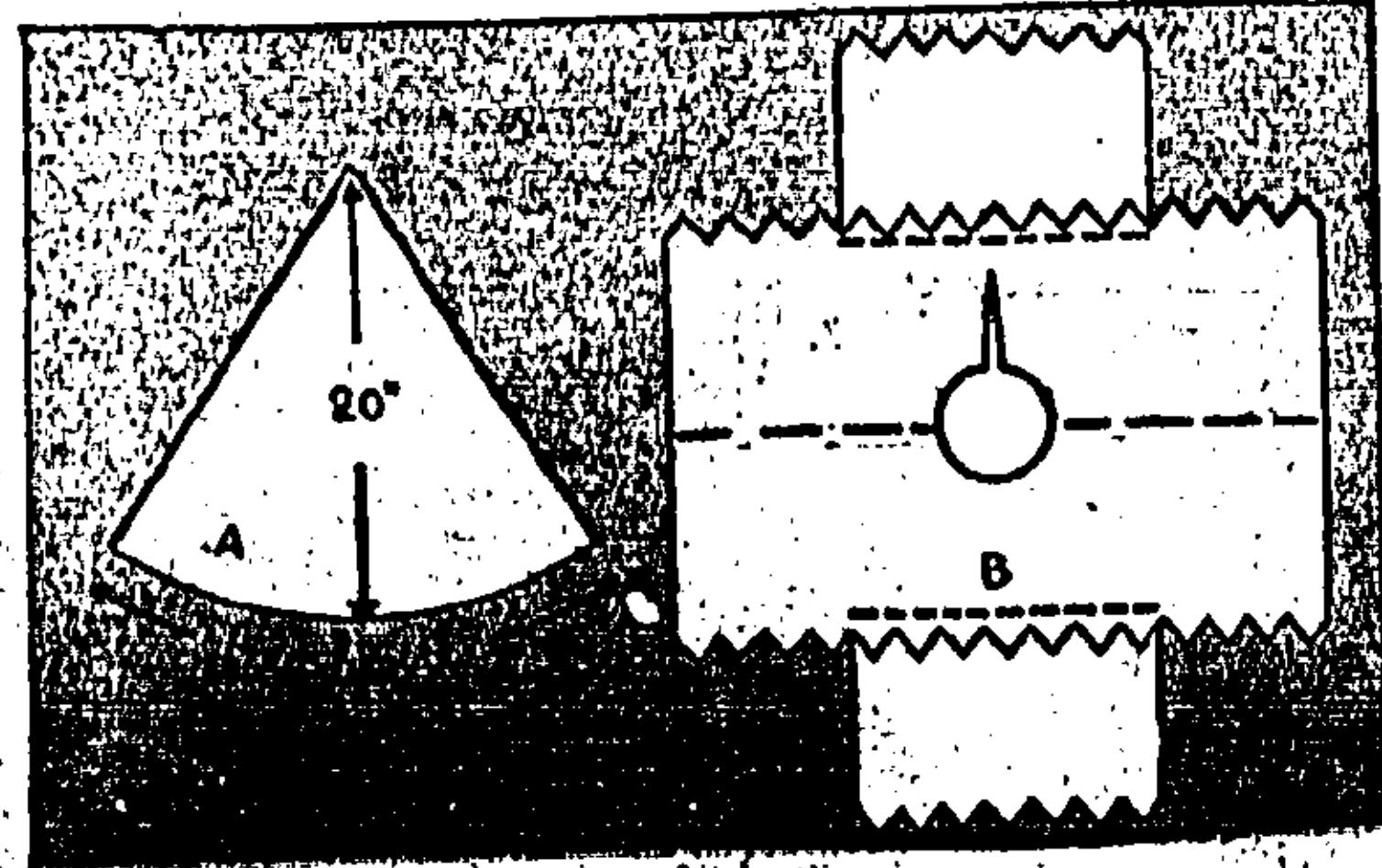
Gather one 10-ft. piece on the uncut edge, gathering very full. Sew to a tape to tie at waist.

Cut off about 20" of second fold. Fold it for head band. From remaining piece cut off enough to go around body easily. This forms bottom part of waist. (Remainder makes sleeves and top of bodice.)

Cut this piece in half and centre one on each side of overall sleeve piece. Stitch as at B. Cut a circle for neck, measuring about 4" to 5" in diameter.

Make an opening at centre back neck. Sew tape around neck-line, easing paper on. Tie in back.

Stitch sleeves together so that notched seam comes at under-arm. Sew tape around under-mouth can hold the side seams together after costume is on.



NEW UNEVEN HEMLINE



French model Ghislaine de Boyssac wearing a blue velvet evening dress with new uneven hemline in white lace at the Schiaparelli dress show in a West End club. The designer featured "just-below-the-knee" day and cocktail dresses with large collars and tight sleeves, or small collars and leg-of-mutton sleeves.

—(London Express Service)

Queen Attends Biggest Historical Fashion Parade

by Joan Erskine

London. WHEN Mrs Doris Langley-Moore opens her Museum of Costume next year, it will be the first of its kind in London, and the second in Britain.

In it she will have a thousand costumes dating from the 18th century, a library in which text books on fashion history can be studied, and a separate room where students can closely examine the elaborately made clothes, and the intricate forms of stitching and embroidery. All too often, period costumes are closeted in glass cases for fear inquisitive fingers will damage them. For the first time students will have the opportunity in this museum of handling the exquisite clothes.

In order to raise funds for her ambitious project, Mrs Langley-Moore hired a well-known London theatre in the West End, and put on the biggest historical fashion parade ever staged.

Graced by Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Margaret, the show was also attended by many of our most distinguished stage and film stars, writers, authorities on dress, designers, and fashion experts. Two small girls, dressed humbly in mid-Victorian style, presented the Queen with a bouquet on her arrival.

The costumes selected for the show were worn by stage and film personalities, both adult and juvenile, and by some leading figures in the social world. Two

hundred years of fashion were represented, and Mrs Langley-Moore herself contributed an excellent commentary. Apart from the sheer beauty of many of the dresses, there were amusing sketches by some of our leading humorists.

That delightful radio team, Joy Nichols, Jimmy Edwards and Australian Dick Bentley, caused mild hysteria in the audience by hunting for the inevitable burglar under a large Victorian bed. They were all dressed in Victorian nightwear, including nightcap and candle.

Popular Beatrice Lillie buried the Victorian use of the fan with an adroitness that few Victorian misses possessed, and Marjorie Stewart dropped beautifully as "The Vamp" to a young man who bore a striking resemblance to Valentino. The earliest bathing costumes never fail to convulse onlookers, and Mrs Langley-Moore has an enviable selection of these!

The main parade was opened by Dorothy Dickson in a magnificent Georgian hooped dress of

gold, silver and scarlet brocade. No one was forgotten—even the mid-nineteenth-century "haute couture" houses were shown. Students from art and technical schools took part in a tableau showing the workroom girls in dresses from 1760 to 1920.

Five-year-old Lady Selena Hastings and her four-year-old sister, Lady Caroline, almost stole the children's scenes from two child film stars, by their superbly "adult" performances.

Dr Dorothy L. Sayers, well-known novelist, portrayed the leader of the Suffragist movement. Her women were scarily and appallingly garbed in goggle skirts and large mushroom hats—considered very masculine at the time!

Dame Edith Evans wore a Court dress of oyster satin, for the finale, with a five-yard train. It was a dress worn at the Court of King Edward VII, and many in the audience wondered how long it would be before present Court dresses became mere period pieces. Mrs Langley-Moore has received many gifts of dresses from famous personalities for inclusion in her collection. Madame Massigli, wife of the French Ambassador in London, has given one of her most beautiful evening gowns to the Museum.

HOME-MADE MASK FOR DELICATE SKIN

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you have a delicate, thin skin—often called "tissue paper" skin by beauticians—because it crumples easily—you will have to give it extra attention. For one thing, you cannot "treat it rough." The face washing must be done with gentleness, and the blandest of soaps must be used. Because tiny capillaries are close to the surface the skin is likely to become florid when massage is heavy or the wash cloth used with too much friction.

Of cream you cannot apply too much. Use it to remove make-up; apply again after you have washed your face. Never fail to have a five minute creaming session before going to bed. During the night the fragrant emollient will be lapped up by the flesh; there won't be a sign of it in the morning. Astringents are not for complexions of this character.

Moist Preparations

Look into the possibilities of masks that soothe and strengthen the cutaneous fabric. There are many preparations for this

purpose. If the skin is dry, combine the meal with olive oil until the mixture is the consistency of whipped cream. If the skin is oily, use witch hazel instead of the oil.

Spread the pack on a clean skin surface, using your finger tips or a silver table knife. Include your neck as these packs often have a mild bleaching effect. Pick up your mystery story, grab half an hour of relaxation—if you are the average woman, you need it—and, by that time, the pack will start to flake. Remove it with warm water, use the towel with gentle pats, stroke on a thin cream.

Home-made mash

A mask that is recommended for clearing the flesh of blackheads is made by mixing together kaolin and peroxide of hydrogen. Kaolin is refined Fuller's earth, useful as a cleaning agent; you can get it from your druggist. Spread over face and neck, remove in fifteen or twenty minutes. The results will surprise you. This is used in many beauty shops.

Cheerful And Warm



Wool fleece winter coat.

By VERA WINSTON

DEEP winter red wool fleece is used for a good companion of a coat that aims to bring cheer and comfort to the chilly scene. The collar, which is hand stitched, are the cuffs, is made to frame the face or to be draped flat. The sleeves are crumpled with winged armholes. The hand-stitched detail continues all the way down the front. Along with the current penchant for surprise coat linings, this one is lined in navy tulle.

Everyday Fashion

By PRUNELLA WOOD

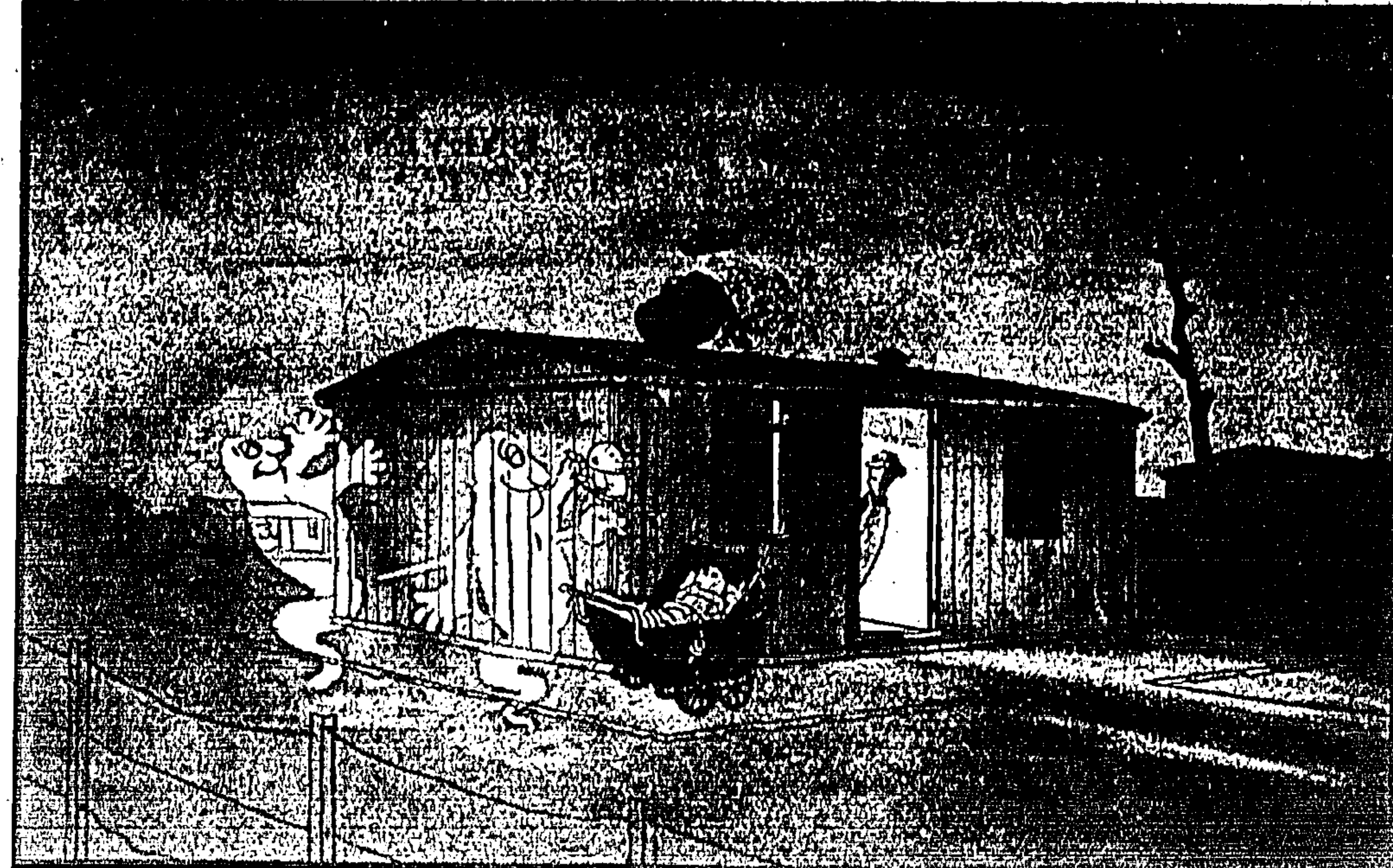


Donnet Teller

PRETTY relief from the starkness of coat and skirt, the uniformity of coat dress or shirtmaker, is this lightweight violet wool daytime frock which suits the business book of many active women. Madame President, Madame the Top-Executive, and all harried committee women could look their best, comfortably and smartly, from noon through dinner in this attractive, soft model.

The easy bodice is cunningly cut with fold-over portions which fasten... one up the left side, the other from left to right over the bosom. Buttons are lighter violet bone, tinted to match the reptile belt and buckle.

Hospitality in your hands



Christmas ghosts, finding the stately homes hardly worth haunting, are probably doing the pre-fabs this year.

(London Express Service)

PARIS HAS ALL THE FUN WHILE IT CAN

BY HENRY THODY

PARIS is preparing to say it with champagne and flowers. Faced with new taxes, a rocketing cost of living, and, of course, the threat of war, realistic Parisians have decided to make the most of what they feel might be the last peacetime end-of-the-year festival.

Already, they point out, cost of living has jumped 7.5 percent within the last four months. Steak is up 45 percent to 8 shillings a pound, butter up 20 percent of over 7 shillings and clothing has increased by half-a-crown in the £.

So champagne is being sold by the magnum, by the box, and all the big stores are reporting record gift business as Parisians buy to have fun while they can still afford it.

Export Scottish tweeds (from £10-£12 a man's suit length) and Scotch whisky (£2. 10s. a bottle) are finding plenty of buyers.

Scotch Popular

Scotch is becoming an increasingly popular drink with the French, and the French Whisky Importers' Federation is hoping for an increased quota. But it is not this increase in Scotch drinkers that is worrying Monsieur Mignot, a secretary-general of the French Anti-Alcohol League.

M. Mignot's enemy is ordinary French white wine at 3d. a glass, not Scotch at 6s. a nip. Alcoholism is costing France over 6,000,000 lost working days a year, as well as a tragic toll in wrecked homes and health, M. Mignot told me.

The French working man is used to having a glass of wine on his way to work in the morning, another during the British worker's traditional tea-break, and half a bottle with his lunch. Statistics show every man, woman and child in France drink 200 bottles of wine a year. If one leaves out the children and non-drinking women, it makes the average Frenchman a bottle-a-day man.

Social Problem

M. Mignot envies British licensing hours and Scotland's Sunday closing. But he doubts if the French worker would stand for them.

Another current social problem in France is the crime wave. Although most Britons, especially regular cinema-goers, still regard America as the home of gangsters and gunmen, France today leads the Western world in violent crime.

Every day the newspapers are filled with gory details of fresh murders, robberies and gun-play. A typical case was the death

of wealthy gangster "Angel" Salecetti the other day—this was like something from a film. As the "Angel" was being driven home by his wife early in the morning, a black saloon roared out from a side street in the outskirts of Paris, and sprayed his car with machine-gun bullets.

The "Angel" returned the fire in a seventy-mile-an-hour gun battle, then died with his head on his wife's shoulder. "I knew they would get him eventually," she said. Fifteen men died in the attempts to kill the "Angel."

Big Manhunt

Meanwhile France's biggest man hunt of the century is on with thousands of police searching for the country's public enemy number one, Rene "Walking Stick" Girier.

An expert in gaol breaks, Girier escaped again recently. In gaol for large-scale robbery, he feigned sickness and was transferred to hospital in a French black maria.

During the hour in the police van, with a hidden saw, he cut a hole in the floor and dropped out on to the street.

The gangster's wife said: "Rene promised he would be home for Christmas."

France's real-life crime problem may explain the popularity of a Paris blood-and-thunder theatre of a type which could not exist today.

Tucked away in the back streets of Montmartre, the Grand Guignol, a small, old-fashioned theatre, echoes nightly with blood-curdling screams.

Its plays are not for timid theatre-goers. Murders are realistic affairs with blood gushing from the victim's wounds.

Record-breaker

A record-breaker was about murder in a women's lunatic asylum. When two old ladies press a young girl's face on to a red-hot stove the theatre is filled with the noise and smoke of burning flesh.

Although a regular, faithful French clientele fill its well-worn plush seats, the Grand Guignol is popular with British visitors.

But after three hours there it is not surprising that part of the audience staggers into the lighter atmosphere of neighbouring night clubs.

They go to Lady Patachou's, where this well-known entertainment implicitly cuts off your neck-tie with a pair of scissors. Or to a new club where the proprietor snips your braces while you dance.

In both clubs new ties and braces are presented to the customers before they retaliate on club furnishings.

Another popular attraction with foreign tourists is a trip down the city's sewers, made famous by a score of films.

Every other Thursday, for the sum of 30 francs, you can descend into the sewers of Paris.

You go down a winding iron staircase just off the Grands Boulevards into something like an underground station, and climb into a boat.

A sewerman in overalls steers the boat down a stream which follows the course of the smart Rue Royale. An unusual touch is that the sewers have street signs, just like the famous thoroughfares above.

But we looked in vain for a Lon Chaney or Charles Laughton stumbling through the sewers, the sewerman-guide politely told us.

It finally looks as if the surrealist school of French art is beginning to lose ground in favour of a realistic type of painting made famous by Henri Rousseau.

Known as "naive painting," it is the swing of the pendulum. Garden spades again look like garden spades, instead of piano playing objects with human eyes.

Naive Art

Art collectors are scouring antique shops, second-hand markets — flea markets — the French call them — for paintings by a French maid, Seraphine Louis, a navy Bombols, a gardener Beauchant, or the postman Vivin, all masters of "naive art."

Of France's thousands of present day artists one of the most successful is perhaps L'Aricot, who recently gave an exhibition of his work in Paris. Fifty of his sixty canvases were of fish.

L'Aricot catches the fish, paints them, then sells them in his successful fish restaurant at Sanary on the Riviera.

Window On The World

By JOHN ASHWIN

KEEPING THE "DEAD" ALIVE

THE words "died under anaesthetic," a rare already, may become still more so if a new mechanical heart (an American model) does all that its inventors hope it will.

The heart, no bigger than a small size radio, is complete with plastic tubes, steel lungs, a printed and sterilized pump, and distributor head. Equipped with this Frankenstein machine, doctors (American doctors) believe that they will be able to open new fields in chest and heart surgery and even bring patients back from the "dead."

As proof of this they offer the fact that the mechanical heart kept a "dead" dog alive for one hour, 11 minutes. After that the dog's own heart, revitalized by the rest, took over again. Now doctors at the Hahnemann Medical College have the \$5,000 mechanical heart in attendance at all major operations. So far, however, it hasn't been needed.

MOBILISATION IN THAILAND

As the reverses of Allied troops in Korea continue, more and more countries are awakening to the Communist menace. The latest to realize the full implication of the Red threat is Thailand, where all industry has been mobilized and put on a war footing by the Ministry of the Interior.

To ensure the greatest efficiency in armaments production, a survey has been made of 14 different types of factories.

Among the concerns surveyed are rice and saw mills, electric plants, waterworks, ice factories, gun repair shops, transport organisations and machine shops.

The French reverses in Indo-China and Communist China's open support of the North Koreans, together with the march on Tibet, have shown the Siamese that the position on their country's northern frontier is likely to prove serious at any moment. If this should happen the Siamese are determined not to be caught unprepared.

JAPANESE BRIDGE COLLAPSES

HOW safe is a bridge? The question arose in Japan recently when two engineers in Ishikawa were charged with conspiring to weaken a large suspension bridge so that directly traffic passed over it, it would tilt and collapse. The engineers maintained that the fact that the bridge tilted did not mean that it was unsafe. Its collapse killing two people and injuring eight others was merely a coincidence. The engineers also denied a charge that they had conspired with a local builder to destroy the bridge in order to get an additional budget appropriation for prefecture engineering works.

When the judges finally maintained that the accused had destroyed the bridge, the engineers offered to tilt the courtroom to test its stability and prove that a tilted courtroom, like a tilted bridge, was as safe as anything on an even keel.

Remembering the fate of the bridge, the court rejected the offer and adjourned for other expert opinion.

Where ignorance is seldom bliss

BY JAMES WHITE

ONE of the few things which it is still easy to do is to get married. It is neither necessary to have passed an examination nor to obtain official sanction. It is far more difficult to get a licence to build a house than to get a licence to build a home. It is simple to get married but often far more difficult to remain married. Especially in Denmark where divorce is easy.

In Copenhagen, for every two marriages celebrated one marriage ends in separation or divorce. In September 1949, in an effort to remedy this sad state of affairs a Committee for Guidance to Young Homes was set up. A month later the first Copenhagen Marriage School opened its doors.

There are now two of these schools in the Danish capital and others in provincial towns. One of the former, run by Mr Koltott Nielsen, secretary-general of the Danish YMCA, charges 3s. for a course of five evening classes; the other, conducted by Pastor C. E. Dam-Henriksen, charges 10s. for a course. These charges are made to cover the hire of a room or hall, its heating and lighting. Though the schools have official support they are not subsidised. The teachers are volunteers.

One of the first pupils at Mr Koltott Nielsen's school was 22-year-old Inger Frisch, who helps her father in his shop. She took her fiancé to school with her. At their first class "Marriage in Fiction and Reality" was the subject. The next talk was about the cost of setting up a home. Later they heard about the best way to bring up children.

After the talks there were questions. These were written and handed to the speaker anonymously. After the questions there was often a discussion in which many of those present argued their own points of view.

Is it a good thing to buy furniture by hire-purchase? No, say experts. Buy simple furniture which you can afford. Don't buy complete suits but single pieces. Later, when you can afford something better, you can use your first furniture for the children's room.

Next there was a talk on "Making Both Ends Meet." Should a husband give his wife pocket money, the home economist was asked. Certainly, was the answer; she is entitled to as much as he is. Even though she gets no pay packet at the end of the week, her

work in the home is as important for their mutual welfare as his.

Should a wife have a job of her own? Is it fair to the children? The answer to this depends naturally on the circumstances. The general answer given was "Yes, if it can pay economically. And if suitable arrangements can be made for the children."

What shall we do about mother-in-law?

"Mothers-in-law are a much abused race. Aunts can be just as bad. There must be give-and-take. It is best to leave young couples alone. The family should be welcome but must not be allowed to dominate."

Altogether about 800 have now attended courses at the Copenhagen marriage schools. They come from all walks of life: factory and shop workers, professional men and women, university students, school teachers, clerks and housewives. Most of them are in their 20s though quite a few are between 30 and 45. Out of every 100 about 40 are engaged couples. Half of the rest are married, the remainder contemplating marriage though not actually engaged.

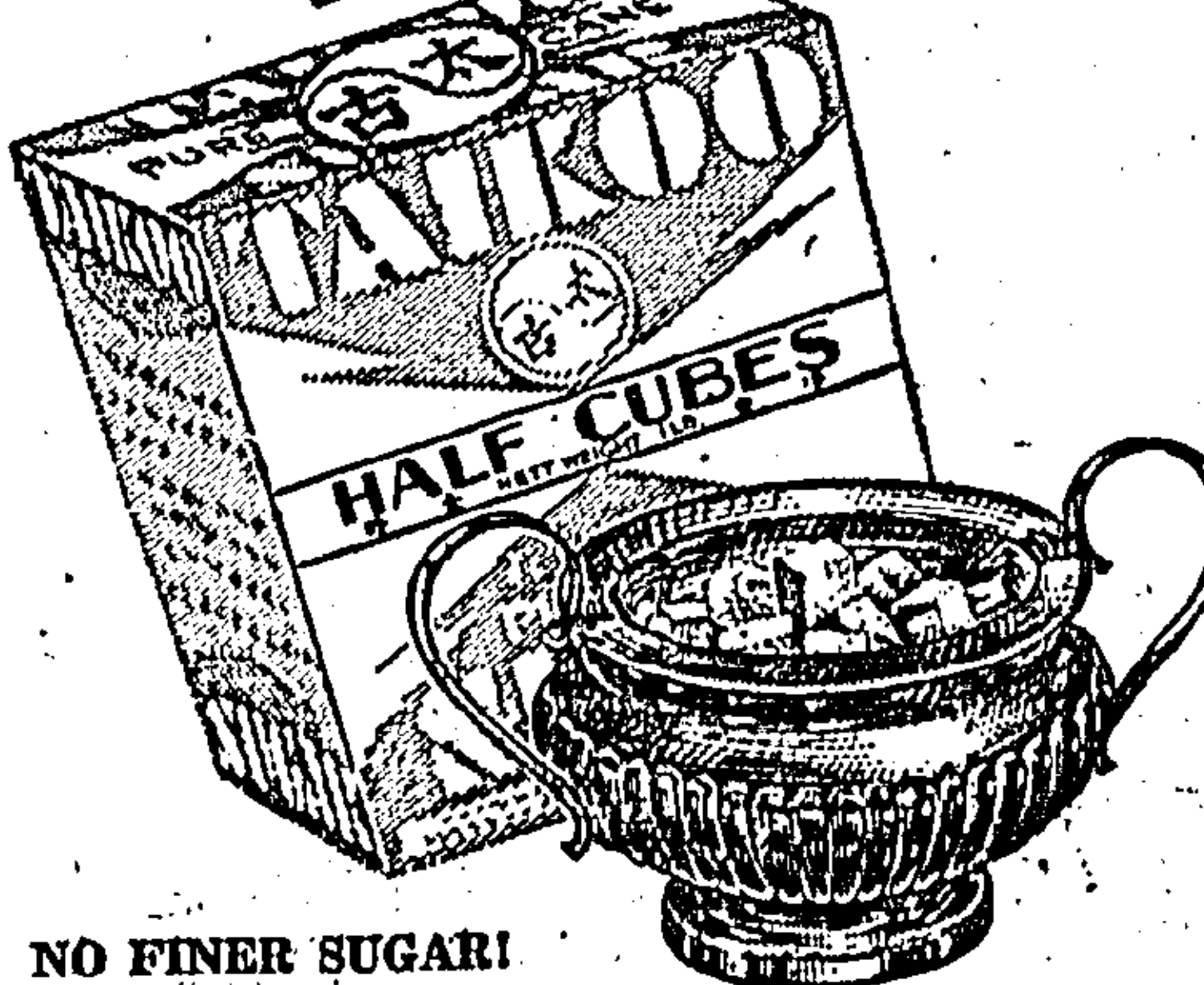
Among the married couples who have taken a course are Mr and Mrs E. Borah. He is a chief clerk and attended the classes last year, just before he got married. This year his wife has attended the school. She has heard talks on such subjects as: "Father, Mother and the Children," "Marital Relations" (by a doctor), "The Legal Aspect of Marriage," "Domestic Conflicts," "Entertaining," "Domestic Economy."

"We got plenty of good advice and tips which have proved of real value," Mr Borah told me. "We found the school well worth while."

It also happens that people whose marriages are drifting on to the rocks attend the school. "These," says Mr Koltott Nielsen, "always find that it helps to talk things over with a third person who has the ability to put himself in their shoes. I get the impression that merely sharing their problems has helped many. We have volunteer doctors, lawyers and other experts to whom we can refer people as necessary. Although what we teach is based on Christian thought, we do not hesitate to recommend divorce in really hopeless cases."

"Should a man help his wife in the house?" is another question often asked. The answer to this depends on whether the wife goes out to work. If so, the husband should share the domestic work with her, say teachers at this novel school. But if the wife is at home while her husband is at work, the household chores should be finished when he gets home. The Danish Schools of Marriage hold no exams, give neither certificates of proficiency nor guarantees of happy marriage. But they do offer students a better chance of happiness than they might otherwise have in a partnership where ignorance is seldom bliss.

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A PSYCHOLOGIST discusses the question

Can the 'Jungle Bride' learn to love her mother?

by MAYO WINGATE

Consulting Psychologist to the
Marriage Society

IN winning the custody of her 13-year-old daughter, Bertha Maria, from the Malay foster-mother Che Aminah, Mrs Adeline Hertogh has doubtfully gained a just verdict in the eyes of the law.

But in terms of human happiness, Mrs Hertogh's legal triumph proves to be a psychological disaster? Bertha come to know real joy again? There must have doubts.

Here we have a happy girl suddenly against her will uprooted from the home where she was brought up.

She is taken from the arms of the foster-mother to be regarded as her legal daughter and from the woman she knew as her mother.

Can she be expected to find happiness in a cold land on the other side of the earth among strangers whose customs and language she cannot understand?

Her difficulties are enormous. Mrs Hertogh loves her daughter and she can win her affection by welcoming her back into the family and showering her with a mother's love. But the light of psychological experience I find it difficult to share her confidence.

Influence lost

Influence on the child may have been lost for ever when she handed her over to a Malay nurse in 1942 at the age of four.

The formative period of a child's development is its first years of life. I think that a babyhood memories of real parents are a negative influence.

Throughout her impressionable years—and since—she has been the full force of the maternal instincts of Che Aminah.

A biological fact that Mrs Hertogh is the mother who has brought her into the world will necessarily have any effect on her emotional feeling for her foster-mother.

It is that nothing will ever replace the permanent position of Che Aminah as her mother figure.

If Mrs Hertogh has courage to appreciate this formidable task of dominating Bertha, she must first prove to the girl now in Holland that she is the chief person in her life.



BERTHA, with her former husband ADABI MANSOOR. Their marriage was annulled.

1. Active or latent hostility should not be broken. It is important that Mrs Hertogh should display gratitude towards Che Aminah for her care of Bertha.

2. The serious conflict, in which she is likely to find herself in a more civilised Western community.

3. The religious conflicts of the Moslem faith in which she has been brought up, and the Roman Catholicism of her family.

4. The difficulties of forming relationships as a child in Holland after her experience as a married woman in Malaya.

5. The language hurdle and the problem of adjusting herself to the widely different customs and educational standards of the Western world.

How can these entanglements best be tackled? The essential keynote must be sympathetic understanding.

Mrs Hertogh should not attempt to break down her daughter's hostility too quickly.

The barrier

AFFECTION can only come slowly, as the barrier is gradually broken down by warm kindness.

Pity and possessiveness must be avoided to prevent Bertha developing a martyr complex. There should be no hint of domination or compulsion.

With full respect for the girl's feelings, Mrs Hertogh would be advised to treat her daughter as an equal. The girl's significant habit of eating

ing her mother "Adeline" should not be broken.

It is important that Mrs Hertogh should display gratitude towards Che Aminah for her care of Bertha.

And to prove that no ill feeling exists there should be a complete freedom of correspondence.

She must be kept out of the spotlight, or she is likely to feel herself a freakish oddity and develop an inferiority complex.

Odds against

I CAN think of nothing more perilous to Bertha's happiness than the planned heavy welcome to the Hertogh family fold.

When the novelty has worn off, Mrs Hertogh may find Bertha meeting with hostility from her brothers and sisters.

With natural childish selfishness, they may resent the newcomer.

It would be wrong to force Christianity on her, for Moslems are as devout in their faith as Catholics.

But her spiritual conversion, when it comes, might prove a substantial advance in her psychological adjustment.

How great are the chances of this child finding happiness in the Western world? I estimate the odds are 0 to 4 against.

In six months it should be possible to know.

If she can survive the perils of the first critical six months I estimate that her rehabilitation could be accomplished in two years.

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AMERICAN COLUMN:

NO ATTACK BY MARS—OFFICIAL

From Newell Rogers

NEW YORK. LITTLE men from Mars are not invading America. Britain is not bombarding the U.S. with flying saucers. The U.S. Navy has said so.

And that put a stop to an outbreak of new flying-saucer rumours in the mountains of New Mexico.

Deer-hunters thought they had a flying saucer at last when they picked up an 18in. metallic sphere, apparently of duralumin. In the sphere was an object resembling a plastic flower pot with nylon shreds, a cheap alarm clock, and three packages of the kind of film used in atomic research.

A theory that it was from another world blew up when they found this note on the film packages: "November 14, 1949, Hford Limited, London, England."

The navy said it is probably one of the things they had been sending into the stratosphere by a balloon to carry on cosmic ray research. The alarm clock trips a switch which exposes the London-made film to the impact of the rays.

Added the navy: "It has nothing to do with little men, strange, from heaven, or the atom bomb. It is part of our project Skyhook."

THE AIR FORCE is calling out five Air National Guard (Territorial) groups. Most groups are fighter units. There are about 75 planes to a group.

SIX HUNDRED GUESTS were invited to the official opening of the smart Park Avenue Theatre's atom bomb-proof shelter. 60ft. below street level. It is a large off, cinema patrons can, retire behind its 30in. walls to beds, furnished rooms, kitchens, and first aid stations—all air-conditioned.

DOLLAR HARVESTS are being gathered, the Attorney-General suspects, by swindlers who do not move from the safety of the Canadian side of

the border. To victims who respond to get-rich-quick lures, smooth-talking salesmen put in trunk telephone calls. They sell stock in non-existent uranium mines for two shillings a share.

MARGARET TRUMAN is negotiating a contract to sing on radio and TV. And the sharp letter written by her father to a music critic who did not like her voice has not hurt her earning ability. It is reported that her income under the contract, if signed, may reach \$71,000 a year.

TRAVEL AGENCIES worry lest the war scare ruins the hopes of Sir Harold Boulton, New York representative of the British Travel Association, to lure 200,000 Americans to Britain for the Festival.

LONDON'S CIVIL DEFENCE suffers from lack of funds and public apathy, reports New York civil defence official Joseph Katz after attending Britain's Civil Defence Staff College. But Katz critic impressed by the Staff College. Americans should have one.

THE RIGHT of night-clubbers to collect New Year's Eve hangovers is endangered. Dance bands threaten to strike and close all hotel ballrooms and night clubs.

What this can mean to immigrants is evident at the Waldorf-Astoria. New Year's Eve with dinner will cost \$20 each in the hotel's ballrooms. And every table is booked.

SEAPORTS on the coast of Alaska, a few miles across the Bering Straits from Soviet Siberia, are blacked out. News of troop movements is forbidden.

MRS AL JOLSON will be assured of an income of at least \$1,100 a month under the will of her late singer husband.

SHOW BUSINESS: Every newspaper in New York except one gives four-star approval to Britain's atom-bomb picture "Seven Days to Noon."

Says one of the majority: "Best melodrama of the year." Says the minority of one: "Tiresome and stupid."

A PARTING WORD FOR MR BEVIN

By Sefton Delmer

THAW or no thaw there will be an icy east wind blowing in Brussels. It will howl around the mahogany conference table at which Bevin, Acheson, and the other North Atlantic Treaty delegates will be arranging for West Germany to rearm and join in the defence of the West.

The Kremlin, in order to freeze the conference into terrified inaction, has let loose a blizzard of diplomatic and political warfare. It has already been blowing hard in the news.

1 The Chinese Communists at Lake Success turned down the "cease fire" in Korea proposal and packed their bags to leave.

2 The Soviet sent Notes to Britain and France, warning us that rearmament of Germany violates the Potsdam Accord and the Anglo-Soviet Treaty, telling the French that it would constitute the latest of a series of systematic violations of the Franco-Soviet Pact.

3 Moscow launches a new pressure campaign against Finland, a move obviously uncomfortable to the Norwegians.

4 Red Army engineers arrive in Bulgaria to speed up the building of military roads on the borders of Tito's Yugoslavia. Everyone can draw his own conclusions.

5 In oil-rich Persia—chief danger area in the Middle East—imprisoned leaders of the pro-Soviet Tudeh party are mysteriously spirited away from their Tehran goal by a posse of soldiers, now believed to have been Communist agents in disguise.

Just the move that would be made if the Kremlin wants to set up a rebel "People's Government" in Persia against the pro-West Shah.

Despite the blizzard, I have one piece of warm comfort for Mr Bevin and his colleagues:

Any temporary inclination there has been on the part of the American military planning staff to subordinate European defence to the war in Korea is now ended.

Europe is once more established in American planning as a No. 1 priority theatre in the defence of the Western world.

For Mr Truman this decision was as difficult to make as it will be for the French to agree to the rearming of Western Germany.

The French fear that the move may: (1) provoke an attack by the Russians on an unprepared Western Europe, (2) lead the Atlantic Powers into a German-provoked war for the recovery of Germany's lost eastern territories, or (3) make a rearmament West Germany stronger than France.

BACK...

For a new army

MR TRUMAN'S decision—taken with due provision for America's Far Eastern commitments—is, from what I learned in Washington, being put into effect immediately.

It is even probable that the American troops now withdrawn from the N. E. Korean beach-head at Hamhung will not be re-committed in Korea. Instead, they will be brought back to the United States to serve there as the badly needed cadre around which the new army now being called up can be formed.

The end of April, I learned, is now the earliest date by which we may expect the first American Atlantic Pact contingent to reach Germany.

So the position today is that, Schuman and Bevin will not find Mr Acheson unsympathetic if they shiver a little in the Kremlin blizzard. No one could be less complacent about the present situation than the Washington experts (political and military) whom I have just left.

If anything they take a gloomier view of the situation than I have found among the experts in London. The bellicosity of Soviet propaganda for home consumption has reached an unprecedented high in the last three weeks.

FORWARD...

For new offensive

THE intelligence appreciation now is that the Kremlin, in an excess of triumphant confidence born of the Korean war, is now planning a new political offensive to be conducted simultaneously with their Chinese allies.

The Russians are reader to risk war than they have been at any time in the past.

The atom bomb is still the greatest deterrent. But it is not the deterrent it was. For the Soviets appear to be inclined to believe that the bomb—

(1) as a result of Western fears of retaliation and Western humanitarianism mobilised by peace propaganda will either not be used or

(2) if it is used will not get through the newly constructed Soviet radar screen.

I found considerable attention being paid to a recent article in the Current Affairs journal published in Peking.

"American superiority in steel, iron, coal, and petroleum," says the article, "is only temporary. As soon as America starts a world war Western Europe will be liberated. Then the Soviet steel production will reach almost parity with the tonnage produced in the U.S."

AND NOW... Remember, Mr Bevin

ONE little word of advice to Mr Bevin for his conduct in Brussels. If you don't want to encourage a blizzard, please, please don't repeat in Brussels that ally talk about the Chinese not disliking us as much as they dislike the Americans.

That may gladden your Left-wing friends. It may please Mr Nehru. But it will please Comrade Stalin even more.

For him it will be valuable evidence of disunion between the British and Americans, and of the gullibility of our Foreign Secretary.

And Mr Bevin, don't delude yourself that there is anything but the firmest, most sincere and entirely voluntary alliance between Mao Tse-tung's China and Stalin's Russia. They have a great common object, the looting and the destruction of the British-American world.

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G. "TANTALUS"	21st Dec.	17th Dec.
G. "CLYTHEUS"	21st Dec.	17th Dec.
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An exciting moment during the basketball game at Cheung Chau Island on Boxing Day between the SCMP eagles and the Yip Yu basketball team of Cheung Chau. (Staff Photographer).

"GRANDSTAND" on Softball

Too Much Was Lost Sight Of In The Excitement Of The International Series

Although the softball pennant picture is no clearer than it was a fortnight ago, the League standings have suffered drastic changes which have been lost sight of in the excitement of the surprises in the International Series last week.

Leadership in two sections of the Men's Leagues changed hands as South China, by virtue of a narrow 4-3 triumph over Madcaps, climbed over the idle Jaguars, while the Junior Dragons not only snapped the Rexes' winning streak of seven straight, but also humiliated their rivals with a 14-3 shellacking, grabbed the lead in the minor circuit with a half game lead.

In addition to sorting out the strong from the weak, the League series has also revealed certain faults which potential playoff teams are anxious to patch up as they near the wire to qualify for the crucial playoff games.

In spite of an unblemished winning streak, fans of the leading Braves of the Blue section are not quite satisfied with the hindsighting job currently held by Red Pereira, whose pegs across the diamond do not possess their former deadly accuracy.

The wolves having clamoured for a replacement, it is understood that mentor Charlie Figueroa has been scouting Sabu Samy, peppery catcher of the Madcaps two seasons ago. Whether or not Samy will be acquired remains to be seen, but there is no doubt that he will be a valuable addition to the Braves' almost flawless machinery.

While not detracting from Red Pereira any of the credit due to him on his past achievements, as those who have seen him in action in Shanghai will testify, it must be admitted that nothing lasts forever and even the mightiest must yield to the onslaught of time.

DISASTROUS

Pandas have also been experimenting with positional shuffling, and their last mound juggling act with Y. S. Liang on the rubber met with disastrous consequences as the Braves jumped on them for an early 11-run lead before they finally decided to fall back on scatter-armed Vincent Xavier.

The "Pitcher Wanted" sign has been hanging out for some time, but pitchers are as difficult to find as the proverbial needle in the haystack.

St. Joseph's, who thought they had the solution to their replacement problem of new lamps for old, signed on three of the "Everett" outfit, but the fortunes of war have drawn them away from these shores for an indefinite period, and it seems that mentor Art Ozorio will have to do some more looking around to fill the gaps in their famous infield.

Last week's narrow squeak by China over the Philippines in which the Chinese side utilised South China's battery of Wong and Wong, proved what experts have been predicting for some time, and that is, while a slowballer can fool the heavier sluggers the weaker ones will get him, and that is what the Islanders almost did, until Tony Kwok of the Overseas came to the rescue.

Once the weaknesses are revealed, others will get wise and this is worrying coach P. K. Lau. There seems to be some truth in the saying that when the varnish is worn off new furniture, the cracks will show.

NEW STRENGTH

The Jaguars, too, have signed on new strength ever since their loss to South China, and Stephen Xavier, who was formerly the sparkling of Umber Moore's Junior League farm team, Vikings, has been transferred to the Senior League outfit.

Although the Americans are not likely to figure in the playoffs unless they win every one of their remaining games and the others rip each other's throats in the meantime, nevertheless, Frank Cleary has signed on several men from the "Albuquerque" who are slated to remain in port for some time.

These men will fill the gaps left vacant with the release of George Gallup and Bob McLean who will not be able to see the season through, but it is also Frank's hope that there will be a pitcher in the crowd.

The Junior League, which is a seasoning department for the major circuit, is not so fortunate in obtaining replacements in mid-season, and mainly depend on inter-team transfers which depend on a somewhat reluctant release by a rival manager.

The Vikings have been fortunate in getting former Mustang utility man Tony Reis to bolster their pitching department, but it looks as if Blackhawk mastermind Rene

Sequeira will have to do some hard thinking in the near future when the powerhouse brothers, Manuel and Tony Gutierrez, sail for points south to further their leaving.

Once in a while a team manager will come up with a discovery but that is the exception rather than the rule, and in the ensuing weeks, scouts will be searching high and low for material which will lend additional strength to their bid for the flag.

ON THE RECORD

Our Loudest Cheers For England's Softballers

Regular top of the morning affair! Off on an early motor to Melbourne, finally having been accorded sufficient importance to be worth such a ticket. Shouting our lungs out with every body clasp in that highly non-partisan community. Three cheers for England. Three more for a Yorkshire that produces a Hutton!

Back in Hongkong with the score 84 runs for four wickets. England needs 95 runs for victory. Memories of Wallie Hammond and Charlie Grinnett just a slight away. Old Bert Oldfield shaking his head. "Not enough wicketkeepers in the side," he said.

What a shakedown! Lunch and the score 124 for seven.

Locally, at least, it was a glorious weekend for England. A three-all draw with China at soccer and another huge gate ahead, a 7-5 shading of Pakistan at softball and every man on the team a character who could do justice to a Yorkshire pudding.

On our own playing fields it promises to be a good year for England. The past year wasn't a bad one. China are not yet the international champions at lawn bowls, and for once England have demolished Chinese supremacy in hard-court tennis, though as yet there's only a foot in the door there.

Even where cricket is conceded the Australians have not held firm claim to the Harzard Shield, though they may have done better at Melbourne.

We in Hongkong can take some pride in the fact that locally at least we are as much non-partisan as the Melbourne crowd.

Walter may play cricket for Australia but there hasn't been a complaint about his playing soccer for England. He is but one of innumerable examples of our dual internationality.

There are people who play softball for Canada, hockey for Pakistan, lawn bowls for Malaya and cricket for India. They are as much at home in a Maple Leaf setting as in the art of handling a shapette.

Yet, when the Test Match fever is on, everyone is all ex-

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The week-end Softball League programme is:

SATURDAY
JUNIOR LEAGUE
2.00 p.m. Pandas v Vikings
(G. Pang, G. Ribeiro, Jack Silva; Manuel Nunes).
South China v Falcons
S. Samy, Richard Souza, Joey Reis, Frankie Barnes).

LADIES LEAGUE
3.30 p.m. Canadians v Wahoes
(Ron Barrett, Manuel Nunes, Bernard Silva; Hal Winglee).
Pirates v St. Teresa's
(J. Herrick, Tony Reis, A. Souza; Roberto Nunes).

MIDWINTER LEAGUE
10.30 a.m. St. Joseph's v Black Arrows (G. Pang).
12.00 noon Jaguars v Lions (F. Diesta).

SUNDAY
SENIOR LEAGUE
9.30 a.m. St. Teresa's v Base-batters
(F. Ewins, G. Pang, H. Moosdeen; F. Barnes).
2.00 p.m. Americans v Braves
(Hal Winglee, S. Bucks, Les Castro; Irene Botelho).
3.30 p.m. Canadians v Overseas
(Chas. Fluegel, Bill Silva, C. Remedios, A. Mar).

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Blue Section All-stars v Gold Section All-stars.

MONDAY
EXHIBITION GAMES
1.30 p.m. Ladies v Council & Scribes.
3.00 p.m. Braves v Jaguars.

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Reds	1	6	.143
Dodgers	0	6	.000
Golds:			

South China	7	1	.87
Jaguars	6	1	.85
St. Joseph's	4	2	.68
Madcaps	4	3	.57
St. Teresa's	2	5	.29
Panthers	1	6	.14
Donohue	0	6	.00

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Blues:			
Blackhaws	0	0	1.00
Delawares	6	3	.66
Aces	5	4	.55
Griffins	5	4	.55
Falcons	3	7	.30
South China	7	7	.50
Mustangs	1	8	.11
Golds:			
Dragons	0	1	.00
Rexes	7	1	.87
Vikings	5	3	.62
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Pandas	2	7	.22
Dodgers	1	7	.12

Spartans	1	7	.125
LADIES LEAGUE			
Wahoes	8	0	1.000
St. Teresa's	0	1	.000
Canadians	5	2	.714
Squaws	4	3	.571
Clovers	2	6	.250
Pirates	1	7	.125
White Fangs	1	8	.111

Meeting on Jan. 17

HK AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

The inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association will take place at the Victoria Recreation Club on Wednesday, January 17, at 6.30 p.m.

The following is the agenda: (a) Adoption of the Constitution; (b) Election of Officers; (c) Appointment of an Auditor and (d) Transaction of any other business.

All Clubs, teams, etc., who are interested in the formation of this Association are invited to send two representatives to the inaugural meeting.

The objects of the Association are: (a) to promote swimming, diving and water polo in Hongkong; (b) to stimulate public opinion in favour of providing proper facilities for the practice of this sport; (c) to draw up and enforce uniform laws for the control and regulation of amateur swimming, diving and water polo championships and competitions in Hongkong and to deal with any infringements thereof; (d) to foster and encourage international competitions; (e) to select teams and/or individuals to represent Hongkong and to control their participation in any competition and (f) to affiliate with any international or regional body.

We have since found out. He gave up chess years ago for a greater passion—draughts. More years ago that we were young enough to remember, there was a Paymaster on board the old HMS Tamar—a sinkable ship that was scuttled with all the affection the Navy is capable of—who ran an advertisement in one of our contemporaries.

It ran: "Can anyone in this Colony play draughts? Old Man Randall took him on, and was met with that lovely question, 'You've had it in eight moves.' 'No,' said Old Harry, 'You've had it in the same.'"

With that rather ordinary statement, he proceeded to put the finishing touches on the Draughts. (The Americans still call it Checkers.) Champions of the Mediterranean, Atlantic and Far Eastern Fleets. He's never lost his love for the game since. He still thinks there is a lot more to it than there is to chess.

Enough for the odd Elders. There are enough young "lads" around. One of the Greens is probably having a pretty dull time listening to her boy friend descending with minute detail that first wicket he over took in Hongkong.

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Peking Grabbing Cotton Supplies

Karachi, Dec. 27.
Trade circles said today that Communist China is grabbing up all available cotton here. Purchases to date were estimated at 28,500 bales. Cotton is a valuable war material as well as a civilian necessity. A member of the Red China Purchasing Mission said the purchasing was being pushed because the U.S. had halted cotton sales to Peking and there was talk of a general U.N. boycott.—Associated Press.

Evening Up Operations In Cotton

New York, Dec. 27.
Year-end evening up operations dominated an otherwise quiet and mixed market for cotton futures. Fresh commitments continued to be avoided pending clarification of the wage and price control picture. The trade, switching operations between old and new crop months, provided another trading feature. Since the taxes for 1951 are expected to be higher than this year, some market analysts figured that this should provide good reason to take profits on long positions now. But off-setting selling on that premise was demand from mills and exporters who had been fixing prices for the year-end against textile orders and foreign commitments. New speculative business remained at a minimum with local and New Orleans professionals switching from one side to the other in a move to exploit any opportunities.

The market opened unchanged to off 11 points. Thereafter it sawsawed over a range of 30 points, hitting the lowest levels in the noon hour and then closing 15 lower to 8 points higher.

Prices closed today as follows:
Spot 42.50
March (1951) 42.88
May 42.90
July 43.02
October 43.14
December 43.26
March (1952) 43.38
May 43.50
—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS

Closing rate
Spot 42.50
March (1951) 42.73-42.75
May 42.81
July 42.93
October 43.05
December 43.17
March (1952) 43.29
May 43.41
—United Press.

Commonwealth Exports To Britain Increased

London, Dec. 27.
A review of Commonwealth trade in 1949 was issued here today by the Commonwealth Economic Committee.

The report described the main features of Commonwealth trade during 1949 as inclusion of a further large increase in imports from Commonwealth sources into the United Kingdom as well as Europe and the temporary contraction in the United States market in contrast with Canada whose imports from other Commonwealth countries were almost unchanged.

India's imports in 1949 were in the aggregate about four times the pre-war figure.

The statistics showed the extent of the market for Commonwealth products in colonial territories as well as in Australia and New Zealand and indicated that Commonwealth countries gained a much larger share of the South African market.

The 18-page report, prepared by the Intelligence branch of the Commonwealth Economic Committee, showed that notwithstanding special difficulties in 1949, the Commonwealth as a whole maintained its position as the world's largest trading area.

It also disclosed that this marked an advance as compared with before the war since Commonwealth exports in relation to world exports increased appreciably while the proportion for imports was very nearly unchanged.

The exports in 1949 of India, Pakistan and Ceylon respectively were: 4,902 million rupees; 619 million rupees; and 1,001 million rupees.

COLONIES' EXPORTS

The British colonies' exports for this period amounted to £618,000,000 sterling.

The 1949 imports of India, Pakistan and Ceylon were: 6,017 million rupees; 1,114 million rupees; and 1,029 million rupees.

The imports of the colonies were valued at £743,000,000.

The figures for Pakistan related to its seaborne trade only.

For India and Ceylon the index numbers of export prices for 1949 were 389 and 324, respectively. The index numbers of import prices for the same year were 330 and 423, respectively.

The basic years for India for the index were 1938-39 and for Ceylon 1934-35.

The 1949 balance of merchandise trade of India, Ceylon and the British colonies was shown as: minus 123 million rupees; plus 27 million rupees and minus £125,000,000 respectively.

UK EXPORTS

The United Kingdom's exports in 1949 to India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the colonies were respectively valued in pounds million sterling at: 117; 33; 15 and 259.

The imports into the United Kingdom for the same period and from the same countries amounted to 98; 16; 27 and 207 million sterling.

The 1949 trade of the United States with India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the British colonies in millions of dollars was respectively: Exports—253; 45; 19 and 284. Imports—238; 28; 35 and 324.

India earned a total of 228 million dollars in 1949; Pakistan earned 24 million dollars; Ceylon earned 43 million dollars while the colonies earned 331 million dollars.

Jute and manufactures brought India the biggest dollar earnings—127 million dollars.

Rubber and tin brought Malaysia 126 million and 82 million dollars, respectively.

GLASS PRODUCTION

India's glass production for 1949 was worth six million United States dollars.

The British colonies' gold production for that year was partly estimated at 35 million dollars.

The Commonwealth's total gold production for 1949 was partly estimated at 647 million dollars compared with 733 million dollars in 1948.

India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the colonies in 1949 respectively exported to Western Europe commodities worth £24,000,000 sterling; £19,000,000; £10,000,000 and £5,000,000.

From Western Europe their 1949 imports in millions of sterling amounted to 39; 14; 5 and 35.

The Committee gave these figures of world trade for 1949 with the corresponding figures in 1938:

World Exports—Commonwealth 29 percent of the world total (25 percent in 1938). United States 21 percent (14 percent). Europe 20 percent (37 percent).

World Imports—Commonwealth 32 percent of the world total (33 percent in 1938). United States 12 percent (9 percent). Europe 34 percent (38 percent).—Reuter.

US Dollar Slips In China

London, Dec. 27.
The Peking Communist radio reported today the US dollar is "slipping" in Red China.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$205,125.

The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
BANKS
HSK Bank .. 1215 1235 50 @ 1223
Land .. 200 @ 1223
10 @ 1223

INSURANCES
General .. 903 920
Underwriters 275
DOCKS, ETC.
Dock .. 1214
Provident .. 1014
Shai Dock .. 310

LAND, ETC.
HSK Hotel .. 630
HSK Land .. 3315
600 @ 36
200 @ 36

UTILITIES
C. Light (O) 5.00P 1000 @ 9
Electric .. 234 1000 @ 214
200 @ 214
200 @ 214

Telephone .. 914
INDUSTRIALS .. 1114 12
Stores, ETC.
Watson .. 100 @ 204
200 @ 204
L. Crawford .. 1200 @ 20

COTTONS
Envo .. 270

RUBBER MARKETS' FIRMNESS

New York, Dec. 27.
Rubber futures closed today 12 1/2 to 3 1/2 points higher, with sales totaling 31 contracts. Most of the activity was centered around December delivery where dealings expired at noon. Spot month was traded up to 94 cents a pound, then went off the board at 93 cents asked.

Prices closed today as follows:
Spot .. 93.00
December .. 90.25 bid
March (1951) .. 85.50 bid
May .. 83.50 nominal
July .. 83.50 nominal
—United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:
Number 1 rubber, per lb.
December .. 109-100
January (1951) .. 102-103
February .. 104-105
March .. 104-105
Number 3 rubber .. 170-100
December .. 170-100
January .. 170-100
February .. 170-100
March .. 170-100
Spot rubber, unbleached .. 101-100
March crepe .. 102-100
No. 1 pale crepe .. 102-100
—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:
No. 1 rubber, (in cents)
per lb. .. 95.5-97.5
February .. 94.5-95
March .. 94.5-95
April/June .. 94.5-95
July/September .. 94.5-95
October/December .. 94.5-95
—United Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Dec. 27.
Trading was small on the London stock exchange today but industrial shares were firmer where changes were registered.

British funds eased slightly and oils were dull and unsettled because of the Iranian Government's withdrawal of the bill to ratify the oil agreement with the Anglo-Iranian Company.

Coppers were strong on reported heavy United States demand for the metal.

Financial Times' index was 110.2.—Associated Press.

Steel Controls Predicted

New York, Dec. 27.
A controlled materials plan for the steel industry by March or April and mandatory price controls to replace voluntary ones were predicted today by the Iron Age, metalworking trade weekly.

Steel executives feel that if steel distribution is to be controlled at all it must be controlled completely, the weekly said. "Voluntary price controls are doomed to failure even before they begin."—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
Peking, one (one) .. 4.1
Tientsin, one (one) .. 4.1
—Associated Press.

Sharp Gains On New York Stock Market

New York, Dec. 27.
The stock market scored one of the sharpest gains in recent years today. Buyers demanded stocks and were willing to pay as much as \$5 a share over Tuesday's closing prices to get what they wanted. More than 100 issues were sold at peak prices for 1950 or longer—in some cases many years.

The breadth of the advance was a surprise even to the most bullish-minded traders. The day's rise on average was the steepest since December 1946.

At the final bell, the general run of prices was at the highest level since February, 1931.

An interesting angle to the market was the unusually wide range of interest shown by traders—the so-called blue chip or top grade issues were just as much in demand as numerous speculative issues.

Among the most popular groups were rails, steel, oils, airlines, motors and aircraft manufacturing stocks.

Nine hundred and one issues advanced. Only 130 declined. The main force pushing the market upward still seemed to be inflation. Investors were trying to find a refuge for their capital.

Among the gainers were American Airlines, United Airlines, Eastern Airlines, Trans World Airlines, Continental Motors, Willies Overland, Douglas Aircraft, Grumman Aircraft, Armour, St. Regis Paper, Pepsi-Cola, and Benguet Mining.

Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 88.68
10 Industrials 234.21
15 Industrials 77.32
10 Utilities 40.51
—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Dec. 27.
World sugar futures closed today unchanged to 9 higher, with sales totaling 154 contracts. Contract No. 6 closed today 2 to 6 lower, with sales totaling 122 contracts.

Prices closed today as follows:
Contract No. 4 (world) .. 5.53
January (1951) .. 5.53
May .. 5.47
October .. 5.47
Contract No. 6 .. 5.50
January (1951) .. 5.49
March .. 5.49
May .. 5.47
July .. 5.47
Spot .. 5.37
—United Press.

New York Metals

New York, Dec. 27.
Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:
Tin, Grade A (99.80 per cent or higher), New York, per lb. 160.
Tungsten, powdered, (98-99 per cent) per lb. \$4.15.—United Press.

More US Controls

Washington, Dec. 27.
The National Production Authority today imposed controls over both military and civilian consumption of cadmium to conserve supplies.—United Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES PER
CANADA-ASIATIC LINE
S/S "OCEANIDE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is to be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignee's risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. J. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 29th December, 1950.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Consignee's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 31st December, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 31st January, 1951, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be affected.

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Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S/S "PERSEUS"

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S.S. "WINGANG"	Keelung	2nd Jan.
S.S. "ESANG"	Japan	3rd Jan.
S.S. "TAKSANG"	Straits & Calcutta	4th Jan.
S.S. "CHUNGSANG"	Tientsin	14th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM		
S.S. "WINGANG"	Keelung	30th Dec.
S.S. "ESANG"	Calcutta & Singapore	31st Dec.
S.S. "TAKSANG"	Tientsin	31st Dec.

Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading for MADRAS & PONDICHERRY via Singapore and for KUDAT, JEBELTON, LABUAN, TAWAU, LAHADATU & SEMPORNA via Sandakan.

AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.

ARRIVALS FROM		
S.S. "BALUCHISTAN"	Japan	12th Jan.
S.S. "HINDUSTAN"	Japan	19th Jan.
S.S. "EASTERN SAGA"	Australian Ports	28th Jan.

SAILINGS TO		
S.S. "BALUCHISTAN"	Fremantle, Hobart, Adelaide	13th Jan.
S.S. "HINDUSTAN"	Manila and Lao (both subject to Inducement) thence Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart	20th Jan.
S.S. "EASTERN SAGA"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe & Yokohama	1st Feb.

*Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to Tasmania, New Zealand and Pacific Island Ports.

GLEN LINE LTD.

SCHEDULED SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT

S.S. "GLENEARN"	Loads 6th January, Sails 8th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam/Amsterdam Hamburg. Due London 14th February.
S.S. "GLENGARRY"	Loads 22nd January, Sails 24th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Alexandria, Genoa, London, Rotterdam/Amsterdam, Hamburg, Antwerp. Due London 4th March.

(Carriers option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge cargo)

SCHEDULED ARRIVALS FROM LONDON

S.S. "GLENGARRY"	Leave London Due H.K.
S.S. "RADNORSHIRE"	At Holts Wharf Sailed 10th Jan.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE

S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE"	Sailed 20th Jan.
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(All outward vessels accept cargo for Japan)

PRINCE LINE LTD.

ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS

S.S. "EASTERN PRINCE"	Sails N.Y. Sails S.F. Due H.K.
S.S. "EASTERN PRINCE"	Sailed Sailed 14th Jan.

EAST COAST, CANADA & U.S.A. via SUEZ

S.S. "EASTERN PRINCE"
Loads 14th Jan. for Wanshan, Philippines, Java, Saigon and Siam subject to Inducement, Straits, Colombo, Halifax, Boston and New York.

Cargo for St John (N.B.) Montreal and Bermuda with transshipment at Halifax or New York.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
Closing Times By Air
Sham, Malaya & Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
Closing Times By Air
India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf, Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.
B.N. Borneo, Australia & New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters second class mail and parcels) Guam, (letters and second class mail) Canada, (letters only) 5 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon & India, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea
Philippines, B. N. Guinea, Australia & New Zealand, 10 a.m.
Formosa, 10 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & S. America, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Sham, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Philippines & France, 10 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India & Pakistan, 10 a.m.
Indonesia, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
Closing Times By Air
Philippines & B. N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
Sham, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Sham 9 a.m.

"Purple Miss" Selected



Some of the Purple Heart veterans of the Korean campaign who selected December's "Purple Miss" at a Christmas party held in the Purple Tree Room, Hotel Vanderbilt, New York, surrounded their lovely winner, 20-year-old June Tolley. Unlike other "Miss" contests, the "Purple Miss" is symbolic of the trouble in the world and also representative of the hope that things will be brighter and happier.—London Express Service.

FELL FROM COCKLOFT

Sailor's Funeral This Morning

The funeral of the late Joseph Henry Jordan, Able Seaman of the HMS Blackswan, took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning with full military honours. The Rev. P. Howatson officiated at the graveside.

The deceased, who was 24 years of age, died at the Naval Hospital on the morning of December 26. He was taken to hospital on the Monday evening after he had fallen from the cockloft at the King Fu Restaurant, Des Voeux Road Central, and received serious head injuries.

He was a native of Birmingham, and is survived by his mother who is at present in England. Floral tributes were from his loving mother, the Captain and Officers of HMS Blackswan, Messmates of HMS Blackswan, and others.

Hawkers Fined

Ninety-four unlicensed hawkers arrested yesterday who appeared before Mr. D'Almada this morning were fined between \$5 and \$10, each.

Says Reds Made Him Return

Kwok Fu, 63, described as a laundry man, was committed for trial by Mr. Wickes at Kowloon this morning on a charge of breach of the Deportation Order by returning to the Colony after being banished for life.

Accused was arrested on December 11 at Shek Kip Mei Village, Shamshuipo. He told the Police that he was forced to return here by the Communists on the Chinese border.

LONDON TEA MARKET

New Import Arrangements Announced

By agreement with the Board of Trade, import arrangements in connection with the reopening of the London Tea Market have now been consolidated into a system which will operate from January 1 next as part of the scheme, announces the UK Trade Commissioner for Hongkong.

The arrangements have been formulated after consultation with the London Tea Auctions Joint Committee, whose practical suggestions have, it is stated, wherever possible, been incorporated.

Details of the scheme are as follows:—
(1) Classification of imports:—Imports will consist of teas for (a) home consumption, (b) re-export.

Re-export arrangements which will apply at the commencement of paragraph 7 hereunder, apart from which the details furnished in this memorandum apply only to home consumption, imports.

(2) Countries of consignment.—Separate import licences will be issued for tea from the following countries: (a) Southern Rhodesia, British East Africa (i.e. Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda), Malaya, Mauritius, Portuguese East Africa, and Brazil; (b) Tea produced in China and Formosa and consigned thereto, or from Hongkong (see para. 4); (c) Tea consigned from a country differing from that of production, except China and Formosa tea from Hongkong (see para. 5).

ISSUE OF LICENCES

(3) Licence particulars:—(a) Availability.—Licences will be issued to individual firms or, in the case of producing companies, their duly authorised agents. As regards first hand sales, the licence will be issued to the producer or to the agent. As regards re-export, the licence will be issued to the re-exporter. (b) Quantity and Value.—There will be no restriction as to the quantity and value of imports under licences as referred to in 2 (i) and 2 (ii); such licences are known as block licences. Individual licences under 2 (iii) will be for specific quantities and/or values. (c) Period valid.—Sub-ject to the normal proviso that all import licences are liable to revocation at any time without warning, it is intended that these licences will be valid from January 1, 1951 (or from date of issue whichever is later), until March 31, 1952, at least. (d) Conditions.—Apart from the usual provisions governing the issue of any kind of Trade Import licence, the following conditions will apply: (i) That tea imported on estate account will be offered for sale in the London auctions; or that teas imported by primary wholesalers (or their equivalent weight if swapped) will be utilised against their own permit entitlements. (ii) That a return will be furnished during the first seven days of each month subsequent to issue of the licence showing the quantity and value of imports effected under the licence during the preceding month and a forecast of the quantity and value of arrivals during the month in which the return is made (all returns will be required where applicable).

The above arrangements will not apply to imports of China and Formosa teas, for which the modifications referred to under paragraph 4 are necessary.

(4) China and Formosa Teas.—Licences for imports from China and Formosa will be made available to members of the China Tea Importers' Association who have participated in the arrangements operative since 1946 for this type of tea. Newcomers to this trade should first of all approach the Secretary, China Tea Importers' Association, 10, Eastcheap, London, E.C.3, for fuller particulars. Importers of China and Formosa teas will be entitled either to sell their teas to a primary wholesaler or to have them printed for sale in the auctions. They will be required as at present to make it a condition of sale that these teas (other than those sold by auction) shall not change hands in the same distribution stratum of the trade.

Licences under this head also will be unrestricted as to quantity and value, and their validity will be as indicated under paragraph 3 (c). Exceptionally in the case of China and Formosa teas, applicants for release for re-export are permissible: as at

that as from April 2, 1951, the concession to primary wholesalers of purchasing China and Formosa teas for home consumption without deduction from R.R.I. permit totals, will be withdrawn—i.e., Paragraph 3 of M.F.T.C. No. 171 does not then apply.

SEPARATE TREATMENT

(5) Indirect Imports.—The separate treatment for licence purpose of tea consigned from a country differing from that of production is necessitated by Exchange Control regulations. If therefore primary wholesalers effect purchases of, say, Indonesian tea from Holland, an individual licence will be required to cover each shipment, but if the country of origin and country of consignment are both included in 2 (i) a separate licence will not be required, e.g., Malayan tea from Ceylon.

(6) Applications for licences.—Traders requiring import licences in accordance with the foregoing provisions should submit an application on Board of Trade Form I.D.A./A, in duplicate, along with the appropriate undertakings as per specimens attached, namely: (i) U. 1 for teas in Category 2 (i) above; (ii) U. 2 for teas in Category 2 (ii) above; (iii) U. 3 for teas in Category 2 (iii) above. Supplies of these forms will be obtainable from the various associations, or direct from the Tea Division, Portman Court. For administrative convenience importers are asked to send such application to the Board of Trade through the Ministry of Food Tea Division at the above address.

(7) Re-Exports.—With the exception of China and Formosa teas, requirements of traders for re-export will until further notice be dealt with as under present arrangements—namely, under R.E.X. licences, i.e., under the provisions of M.F.T.C. 177 dated August 26, 1947. Firms engaged in this class of trade will accordingly continue to work on the same lines.

POLICE OFFER NO EVIDENCE

Lam Kam-tai, 28, master of fishing-boat No. 29215, was charged at the Marine Court this morning for breach of his licence conditions by carrying an excess number of passengers.

Defendant pleaded that while his boat was anchored alongside a junk on the morning of December 24, some coolies went on board the junk and carried away some of the boat's equipment. Sub-Inspr. Marlborough said that the Police would offer no evidence against the defendant.

Mr. Low then ordered that the case be withdrawn against the defendant.

Ferry Services Questionnaire

Have you filled up and returned your questionnaire on Hongkong's ferry facilities? A suggestion from you to Government's "Harbour Ferry Services Advisory Committee" may mean improved services for thousands.

So far over 420,000 of the questionnaires have been distributed: thousands have been returned but there are still many more to come in.

This afternoon the special committee investigating the ferry services will make an on-the-spot survey of the Star Ferry terminal during peak travelling hour to see for themselves some of the problems which arise.

Stole From Pillar Boxes

Man Sentenced To 18 Months

Chung Sui, 23, unemployed, was sentenced to 18 months by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning for larceny of postal packets from public pillar boxes in Kowloon.

It was stated that defendant was standing by a postal pillar box at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Nam Kok Road about 5 a.m. on Wednesday. He was searched by a Police constable and 131 fragments of letters with stamps, and 11 letters with stamps attached were found on him.

Defendant admitted that he extracted "these" letters from pillar boxes, and took the Police to a public lavatory on the vicinity where letters torn to pieces were recovered.

Det. Sub-Inspr. Chan Wal-man prosecuting told the Court that there had been numerous complaints of letters missing and a special watch was kept and the Police on postal boxes. He asked for a serious view to be taken in this case.

Defendant was ordered to be banished at the termination of this sentence.

Piracy Echo

Property Restored To Owners

The case of the piracy of the motor vessel Kwong Hoi Lee of Nam Ping Island on June 1 came to an end at Kowloon Court this morning when the last application for the return of stolen properties was made before Mr. Wickes.

The applicant was Wong Yan-heung, merchant, of No. 71, Connaught Road West, who had \$3,144 being proceeds of the sale of 10 drums of cocoa nut oil and six bundles of cow hide returned to him. The goods were shipped on the pirated vessel. Four other victims of the piracy had their properties returned to them on December 21.

Recently, seven accused charged with the piracy of the Kwong Hoi Lee were acquitted after a trial at the Supreme Court.

Det. Sub-Inspr. W. H. Summers conducted the applications for the Police.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Two Men Charged With Robbery

Alleged Victimisation Of Assistant Matron

While walking along Queen's Road East, Wanchai, on the night of September 20, Miss Lau Wai-wah, 40, an assistant matron of the Ruttonj Sanatorium, was accosted by three men, one of whom flourished a dagger. They ran off after taking her handbag.

Before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Wong To, 42, and Lu Hoi-poi, alias Lu Kit-chi, 3, were tried by a Jury on a charge of robbery with aggravation.

They were alleged to have, together with another man not in custody, robbed Miss Lau of her handbag containing \$20.25, three hypodermic syringes, seven syringe needles, a pair of forceps, a bottle of cholera vaccine, three powder compact, a fan, a lipstick, a thermometer and other articles.

First accused was further charged with possession of a dagger without a licence, while second accused faced another count of possession of an imitation firearm.

Both pleaded not guilty to all counts and a Jury comprising four men and three women was empanelled.

A wide-bladed knife, tapering to a sharp point lay on Counsel's table as an exhibit in the case. Among interested spectators in Court were five little Indian boys, wearing brightly coloured turbans, from the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians.

PROSECUTION CASE

Detailing the facts for the Prosecution, Mr. M. Hoeman (Crown Counsel), who was assisted by Det. Sub-Inspr. R. G. Laurel, said that Miss Lau returned to her home at 9.10 p.m. on September 20. She was accompanied by her maid, Hung Yung, and they were walking along an unlighted spot of the road when Miss Lau noticed a group of three men approaching. One of the men was slightly ahead of his companions. As he reached the two women, he produced a knife and said "Don't make a noise, otherwise I will kill you." Both women were terrified and when the men closed in on the holding the dagger snatched Miss Lau's handbag and all three made off.

Miss Lau raised the alarm when she reached the gates of the Sanatorium. Her cries were taken up by a Police mobile patrol which was passing the vicinity at the time. Det. Sgt. C268 of Wong Muk-lin, who was in charge of the patrol, saw two men running from Queen's Road East into Kennedy Road about the same time as he heard the woman's cries, and together with another detective he set off in pursuit.

Sgt. Wong caught the man he was chasing and found him in possession of a handbag which Miss Lau later identified as belonging to her. The other man, however, evaded the policeman pursuing him and escaped. During his chase, Sgt. Wong noticed the man ahead of him throwing something away and when he caught the man he took him

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